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Wins \$53 at Cards During June, Losses \$90.

#### JULY, 1880:

Contracts to Deliver 400 Telegraph Poles at \$1.75 Each.

Attending Races and Doing Nothing in Cheyenne—Church Twice on Sunday.

John Sparks Sells 24 Steers at \$30 per Head. Hay Harvest Starts July 16 at Bordeaux.

Swan, Nagle and Others Gather Cattle in Goshen Hole.

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Pratt & Ferris Were Sponsored by Marshall Field.

M. E. Post Buys Herd of Sheep at Fort Laramie.

Kills Lot of Ducks at Little Moon—Presents
Them to Collins and Officers at Fort Laramie.

Shipping Cattle From Rock Creek.

Bob Waln Buys Three 7-Yoke Ox Teams at \$1000 Each.

Fort Fetterman to Fort Laramie by Buck Board \$10—Rock Creek to Fort Fetterman by Stage \$15.

The Freund Brothers Were Skillful Gunsmiths — Specialized in Mounting and Improving Sharp's Actions.

Bets Against Garfield-Loses Two \$50 Suits.

#### OCTOBER, 1880:

Haggling and Fenagling, and a Special Trip to Omaha, Over Bids on Army Hay.

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Posey Ryan and Newcomb Hauling Bales from
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#### NOVEMBER, 1880:

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All Hands Vote at Hi Kelly's, Except the Cook. Garfield Elected. Close Contest Between Post and Swan.

W. H. Hibbard Built Telegraph from Cheyenne to Black Hills—Sold Scrip to Help Finance Construction.

Little Moon is Still a Duck Hunter's Paradise. Several Bull Trains Snowed In, Losing Work Cattle.

Malcolm Campbell Sends Wife Money to Join Him.

Posey Ryan Buys 6-Mule Team—Agrees to Haul Hay.

Buys Paddleford's Hay Bottom Opposite Little Moon for \$400.

Pratt & Ferris Buy Little Moon for \$5000— Half Down, 12 Percent Interest on Balance. Lets Contract for 300 Cords Firewood for Fort Fetterman, \$8 per Cord.

#### DECEMBER, 1880:

Buys Hay Press, Hay Scales and Four Horses at Government Sale.

Baling and Hauling Little Moon Hay to Fort

Laramie.

Rustic Hotel Built by J. S. Collins.

Starts on Fateful Journey—Returns to Home in Madison, Virginia for First Time in Thirteen Years.

Takes Out \$6,000 Accident, \$10.000 Life Insurance Policy and Carries \$2,200 in Cash on Trip.

Stops Over in Chicago—Buys One-Sixteenth Interest in Wheeler Tunnel and Mining Co. of Central City, Colorado.

Train Jumps Track-No Damage Done.

Three Days in New York—Sees Hazel Kirk and Barrett in "Yorick's Love". Has Some Rather Heavy "Incidental" Expenses.

Christmas Shopping in Baltimore—Buys \$300 Worth of Groceries, Crockery and Dry Goods.

Finds Everybody Well at Home—But the Old Place Dilapidated, Old Friends Hard Up and Everything Dull.

#### A BACKWARD LOOKING

#### PRELUDE

# Ah-ho-appa, Daughter of Shan-tag-alisk

(The Legend of Fallen Leaf)

The legend of Ah-ho-appa (Fallen Leaf) and of her father Shan-tag-alisk (Chief Spotted Tail of the Brule Sloux) has been often told in song and story, and in many ways. At least part of it is true. It is a strange tale of intermingled fact and fancy about a girl who wanted to live and love in a world of which she was not a part—and of her father, a remarkable leader of men.

In the summer of 1928, a few months before his death, John Hunton was interviewed at Old Fort Laramie by Joseph G. Masters. He showed Mr. Masters where Ah-ho-appa had been buried on a scaffold and told him what he knew of the circumstances. Mr. Masters then wrote a newspaper feature story about her. In 1960 Russell Thorp of Cheyenne sent us a clipping of that story and the accompanying photographs of her father and of the scaffolding which held her remains for many years.

Ah-ho-appa must have been a lonely girl, not in physical or spiritual harmony with her own people, or so the legend goes. Since she did not feel and think as they did, she could not be one with them. And from the whites, whom she admired and apparently wished to emulate, she was set apart by the

chasms of heredity, skin color and prejudice.

Thus it was that during a long visit at Fort Laramie about 1864 she would sit, day after day, alone and apart, on a bench at the Sutler's store, observing all that went on—thinking who knows what thoughts and experiencing who knows what futile longings. Some stories say she was secretly in love with one of the dashing young officers. As to that this writer has no evidence.

It is said the daily ceremony of guard mount always held her enthralled and that the soldiers took pride in putting it on with special dash — just for her. To them she was "The Princess", set apart by her grave reserve and dignity.

And then one day Spotted Tail led his people north, back to the Powder River country, and took his daughter with him - away from Fort Laramie which she never saw again in life. After her departure, at a gathering of officers at the old fort, one of them claimed to have known Ah-ho-appa in earlier years and said that even as a small girl she had sworn never to marry an Indian, and she never did, although legend has it that some of the rich young braves of the tribe offered Shan-tag-alisk as many as 200 ponies for her hand. Another story is that on one occasion a Blackfoot warrior attempted to carry her off by force and she cut him up with her knife to the point of death. Spotted Tail took such pride in this exploit that he never attempted to force her into marriage.

General Harney is said to have once presented her with a little red book which, although she could not read or even speak English, became one of her most treasured possessions. She dressed herself as a young man, liked to carry a gun like her father and performed none of the squaws' menial tasks.

Two years after her departure from Fort Laramie found Ah-ho-appa dying in a lonely tepee on the Powder. Some said it was consumption—others a broken heart. Shan-tag-alisk, in desperate grief, promised to take her back to Fort Laramie in the spring (1886), but Indian tradition, handed down from generation to generation, has it that she told her father how much she would love to go, but that it was too late.



# WHERE FALLEN LEAF WAS LAID TO REST (1880 Photograph—Courtesy of Russell Thorp)

And so she languished and died—but not until died—but not until bury her on a hill side near Fort Laramie, where her spirit could look down upon the old parade ground and watch again the guard mount she loved so well. He also promised her never again to make war on the whites. He never did.

They wrapped the frail body in smoked deerskin and placed it upon two white ponies, lashed closely together, for the week long journey through deep winter snows. A runner was sent ahead by Spotted Tail, asking officers to grant his daughter's dying request for burial overlooking Fort Laramie.

The funeral cavalcade, while still some fifteen miles from the Fort, was met by a military escort sent by Post Commander Major George O'Brien. It consisted of an ambulance, a company of cavalry in dress uniform and two 12-pound mountain howitzers. Ah-ho-appa's mortal remains were placed in the ambulance, her two white horses tied behind.

The entire garrison, headed by Col. Maynadier of the First U. S. Volunteers, turned out to meet the funeral cortege at the Platte River, about two miles from Fort Laramie. Next day the burial scaffold was erected on a gentle slope, half a mile or so north of the Fort hospital. It was made of stout poles, laced together at the top with thongs to hold the coffin. (About 1920 John Hunton took this writer to the site of that scaffold, some of which was still standing, with a few rotting boards from the coffin lying on the ground bellow.)

The two white ponies were sacrificed, their heads and tails nailed to the poles, so that Ah-ho-appa would not be afoot in the spirit world. The body, still in its deerskin shroud and further wrapped in a red blanket, was then placed in the elaborately decorated coffin resting on a caisson and

slowly hauled to the scaffold, escorted by the garrison in dress array.

Post Chaplain Wright conducted a formal white man's burial service. When he had finished Spotted Tail indicated he wanted his daughter buried the Indian way. He wanted to find her in the Red man's happy hunting ground and be reunited with her there. He did not want her lost to him forever in the white man's heaven. His every wish was followed. When the ceremonies were over Shan-tag-alisk cut what he doubtless hoped was the last thread binding his daughter to the white man's hereafter, by returning to Chaplain Wright the parfeche sack containing a little book General Harney had given Ah-ho-appa's mother many years before—it was an army Episconal prayer book.

The soldiers were deployed in a large square about the scaffold. Within that square the Indians stood in a circle around the coffin. Major O'Brien placed a pair of white kid cavalry gloves in the coffin, to keep Fallen Leaf's hands warm on her lonely journey to the other world, and also a new dollar bill with which to buy food along the way. Then the Indian women came up, one by one, and talked to her in long earnest whispers — doubtless messages for her to carry on to their own departed loved ones. And each put something she might need beside her body — a bit of mirror, a string of beads, some little token.

The lid was then fastened down, the squaws lifted their princess to the top of the scaffold and lashed a buffalo skin over all, as the men stood by, mute and motionless. The soldiers, facing outward in PRELUDE



SHAN-TAG-ALISK (CHIEF SPOTTED TAIL)
(Photograph courtesy of Russell Thorp)

their large square, fired a final salute of three volleys. Red men and white then marched back together to the post as darkness fell and it began to sleet and snow — that is, all marched back except the howitizer detail, which remained at the burial site, built a large fire and discharged their cannon every half hour until daybreak.

Sioux warriors apparently kept a watchful eye on the grave for quite a while. The following summer John Bratt, author of "Trails of Yesterday", chanced to pass that way and stopped his wagon close by the scaffold to have a look. Suddenly, from nowhere it seemed, several Indian braves surrounded him. They were angry, paid little attention to his protestations that he meant no harm, and started beating him with their weapons and quirts as he hastily drove away. He thought they might have killed him had he not found refuge with a passing Morman wagon train.

Many years later, so the story goes, a young and impetuous military doctor came to Fort Laramie. He had the impudence and appalling lack of respect to remove the bones of Ah-ho-appa and make a skeleton of them for his office. One day scouts brought word to the post that Shan-tag-alisk, with a party of warrors, was approaching to take away the remains of his child. Post authorities, in near panic, gave the great, friendly chief and his party a ceremonious welcome and persuaded him to rest overnight at the Fort before going to claim his daughter. This gave them a chance to replace Fallen Leaf's bones in her casket before morning and remove evidence that her grave had been violated. Had they failed, old Spot

might have felt relieved of his promise never again to make war on the whites — and who could have blamed him? She was finally buried under a suitable monument at the Rosebud agency in South Dakota.

Eugene Ware, an officer who was present and wrote an account of Ah-ho-appa's burial at Fort Laramie, added this thought to his record:

Her story is the story of the persistent melancholy of the human race; of kings born in howels and dying there; of geniuses born where genius is a crime; of heroes born before their age and dying unsung; of beauty born where its gift was fatal; of mercy born among wolves; of statesmen born to find society not yet ripe for their labors to begin, and bidding the world adieu from the scaffold. The daughter of Shantag-alisk was one of those individuals found in all lands, at all places and among all people; she was misplaced."

The record also indicates that her father was of unusual intellect. A man with deep and abiding understanding of human rights and dignity, who realized the futility of war as an instrument of justice. If his reasoning and attitudes were those of an "ignorant savage", perhaps more of the same would be beneficial in high places—even today.

#### Aftermath

In April of 1947 W. W. Morrison of Cheyenne, Paul Henderson, of Bridgeport, and several companions, set out to find the site of Ah-ho-appa's grave. They left old Fort Laramie early in the morning, armed with field glasses and an old photograph similar to the one shown here. Carefully they worked their way north until finally, about three quarters of a mile from the post, the same view of the old buildings fell into place before them. Close by, partly covered by earth, they found a narrow board with some rusted, square, hand-made nails still in it, which careful examination indicated was the cleat nailed to the side of the coffin, as shown in the photograph. Further search uncovered other pieces of broken, rotted boards and more of the nails. Photographs were taken from the spot. Careful measurements and comparisons with the locations of buildings shown in the original picture, convinced them all they were standing on the site of the grave.

This same location, according to old records, was also the first burial ground used at Fort Laramie. Here fur traders and trappers were laid away as far back as 1834, their graves unmarked and long since forgotten.

A temporary marker was erected at the site. Director Newton B. Druty of the National Park Service was notified of the find and expressed interest in seeing it permanently marked. Since then roads have been relocated, fences moved and oil pipelines built through the area. It may now be too late to again find and mark with certainty the exact spot where those Indian women whispered their messages for Ah-ho-appa to carry with her to the spirit world, almost a hundred years ago.

The irrevocable years pass. Things change.

Memories dim. And thus—

"Ancient and holy things back to earth again, fade like a dream."

#### And a Folk Song Grew

When this tale was first published, in the Lingle, Wyoming, Guide-Review of November 3, 1960, it brought back recollections of an old ballad to some who read it—memories of a song your mother or grandmother may have sung long years ago. And three people from three states—Wyoming, Colorado and Ncbraska—wrote down the words as they recalled them and passed them on. No two versions were exactly the same. Some had more verses than others. One called the old song "Falling Leaf", two remembered it as "Fallen Leaf". But they all went something like this:

Far beyond the rolling prairies
Where the forest mountains rise,
Dwelt the fairest Indian maiden
Ever seen by mortal eyes.

Warm she was and full of laughter, Daugther of a warrior chief, Came to cheer his home in autumn, And he called her Fallen Leaf.

From the deep and tangled wildwood, All upon a summer's day, Came a hunter, young but weary, From his long and lonesome way.

Weeks went by and still he lingered, "Gentle Fallen Leaf" he cried, 'Til she smiled and whispered softly She would be his loving bride. One bright day this hunter wandered Far into the woods alone. Long she watched and long she waited, But his fate was never known.

Like the summer breeze she faded, Like the autumn leaves she died, Closed her eyes in endless slumber On Fort Laramie's riverside.

"Fallen Leaf" —the breezes whisper Of her spirit's early flight, And within her father's wigwam There is wail and woe tonight.

## Part One 1880

#### JANUARY

"John Hunton, Bordeaux P. O., Wyo. Ter. If found please send to above address."

That's the way he started his 3x7 inch, red leather bound "Excelsior" diary for 1880. Following this flyleaf inscription are the usual fifteen pages of small print containing useful information of the day, such as: astronomical data, calendar, the moon's phases (many people farmed by the moon in the 19th century); surrise and sunset time for each day of the year; interest and wage tables; postage rates; stamp duties (a 2 cent federal stamp was required on every bank check, draft, note, etc.); population of the states, territories and principel cities (Wyoming Territory had a grand total of 9,118 souls); and Rutherford B. Hayes was the nineteenth President of these United States.

"Thurs, Jan 1—Cheyenne. Quite unwell, under the doctor. Dan arrived and unloaded.

"Fri, Jan 2—Cheyenne. Dan left. Confined to bed quite sick. Smith Bros. to see me about buying herd.

"Sat, Jan 3—Cheyenne. Still in bed. Smith Bros. again to see me about herd. E. H. Redfern to see me. Wanted money for Chas. George. Paid him \$150 for George and \$20 for himself.

"Sun, Jan 4 — Cheyenne. Still confined to bed."

And then, in the center of a separate line, this

curious notation:

#### "Mountain bunch"

Maybe he was a little light headed. And so it went for the next two days, with some improvement noted on the third. On the 8th and the 9th he was just able to totter from his hotel room and sit it out in the lobby, his strength gradually returning. He couldn't have had the "flu". Doctors did not get around to inventing that plague for another 25 years or so. It was undoubtedly in part the emotional upset following his final parting with Lallee (see pages 202-205 Vol. 3), possibly mixed with some dissipation. But whatever . . . John Hunton was not done by a long shot. He still had almost half a century left to joust with the Fates in this merry mixed up vale of tears.

"Sat, Jan 10—Cheyenne. Went out on street and walked about nearly all day.

"Mon, Jan 12—Cheyenne. Walking about all day. Tom Hunton went home. Bob Walker come to town from East.

"Tues, Jan 13—Cheyenne. Very nearly well. Election for city officers. Very windy.

"Wed, Jan 14—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Met Col. Van Vliet and other officers. Wrote to Tom to send Sheep heads etc. Letters from A. V. Larimer about buying herd, etc.

"Thurs, Jan 15 — Cheyenne. Wrote to A. V. Larimer. Saw Gen. Smith.

"Fri, Jan 16—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Borrowed \$300 from 1st. National Bank and paid Paxton & Gallagher. "Sat, Jan 17—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. John (Portugee) Phillips went to his ranch.

"Mon, Jan 19 — Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Went to look at Ingram colt. Bob Walker went home.

"Wed, Jan 21—Cheyenne. Saw Dr. Hoff. Saw Mr. Wood, R. R. man, and promised to go with R. R. party to examine country north of Bridger's Ferry.

"Thurs, Jan 22 — Cheyenne. Borrowed \$5 of T. Dyer. Preparing to go home. Saw Col. (John S.) Mason.

"Fri, Jan 23 — Cheyenne. Started home on coach. Nooned at 9-Mile (stage station nine miles north of Cheyenne).

"Sat, Jan 24—Bordeaux, Staid at (Hi) Kelly's last night. Arrived here 7 1.2 A. M. Everything all right. Tom (Hunton) on Laramie at dance but returned today. H. Harney with him.

"Sun, Jan 25 — Bordeaux. Went to Swan Ranch on Sabille (Sybille Creek) to meet R. R. man. Nooned at (Johnny) Gordon's (near Uva) and went to Miller's. Mr. Wood does not think favorable of Sabille & Iron Mountain route.

"Mon, Jan 26—Stald at Miller's (Tobe Miller's road ranch on Cottonwood) last night. Nooned at Johnson & Walkers. Arrived at Irvine's 4 1.2 P. M. Mr. Wood is very favorably impressed with country from Laramie River to this place. Light snow from 11 A. M. to night.

"Tues, Jan 27 — Staid at Irvine's last night. Crossed river and went to Harney's. Went up East Shawnee to top of divide. Cold & snowy.

"Wed, Jan 28—Staid at Harney's last night. Went up West Shawnee to top of divide. Mr. Wood pleased with what he saw of the country. Went to Irvine's. Cold, windy and snowy.

"Thurs, Jan 29 — Staid at Irvine's last night Nooned at (Tobe) Miller's and went to (Johnny) Gordon's. Dan Titus got here on his way from Ft. Fetterman.

"Fri, Jan 30 — Bordeaux. Staid at Gordon's last night. Arrived here II A. M. Mr. Wood expressed satisfaction with his trip, dined here and went on to Cheyenne. Wrote to Chief Q. M. asking him to annul hay contract. Tom (Hunton) bought four Govt. mules. Dan Titus returned. Bull outfit passed, losing their oxen.

"Sat, Jan 31 — Bordeaux. Dan Titus shoeing mules and preparing to go on Laramie to haul hay. Been very windy all this month."

In the "cash account" page of his diary Mr. Hunton records these expenditures covering his three weeks sickness and convalescence in Cheyenne: hotel bill \$47.25, doctor bill \$29. His other expenditures during January, 1880, were limited to a few inconsequential entries and his recorded receipts were nil, except for the \$5 he borrowed from T. Dyer and \$10 from Tom Hunton.

#### FEBRUARY, 1880

"Sun, Feb 1 - Bordeaux. Dan & Jim went

to Bullock place to haul hay to Govt. Jim Lane here last night."

Jim Lane was range manager for George and Gilbert Searight. The cowboys called Jim the "Buggy Boss", referring no doubt to the vehicle in which he traveled, rather than to the gentleman himself we think.

The Searight Bros. drove several thousand head of cattle from Oregon and put them on the Goose Egg ranch near Casper in 1877. Prior to that they ran some cattle near Cheyenne. This information comes from Mrs. Criss Cross Morton, daughter of the late George H. Cross, pioneer cattleman of the Fort Fetterman area.

"Mon, Feb 2—Bordeaux. (F. M.) Phillips and McCreary come to ranch. Phillips sold his herd to Warner for \$19.800.

"Tues, Feb 3—Bordeaux. Phillips & Mc-Creary staid here last night. Turned all cattle from lower to upper pasture. Wrote to A. V. Larimer and sent him statement of cattle.

"Thurs, Feb 5—Bordeaux. Meyer & brotherhere last night. Went to Fort Laramie in buggy. George Drake with me. Bob Hamilton arrested and brought here for stealing Govt. mules. Teams made only one trip hay. Goodall and John Thomas here. Windy, snow drifting.

"Fri, Feb 6 — Ft. Laramie. Teams come with hay. Dan has hurt his leg. Jim driving team.

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HON, GEORGE H. CROSS

(The above, and certain other pioneer photographs herein, are from a special edition of the DOUGLAS BUDGET, published in 1907 and preserved by J. Ralph Scott of the Douglas community.)

"Sat, Feb 7— Bordeaux. Got home today from Fort Laramie. Perry Organ come down with me. Bob Hamilton and others passed to Cheyenne, all under arrest for stealing Govt. mules.

"Sun, Feb 8—Bordeaux. Govt. train passed to Fort Laramie to haul logs. "Mon, Feb 9—Bordeaux. Parties here for hay. St. Dennis and others went to Cheyenne. Clint Graham stayed here last night."

Fred St. Dennis was a school mate of the late George H. Cross in Montreal and they came to Colorado together in 1874. Mr. Cross leaves the record that St. Dennis was a well educated young man of French-Scottish ancestry. He spent the summer of 1876 at the LaBonte ranch, then returned to Colorado where he married a school teacher, Edna Holland. But after St. Dennis established his road ranch on Horse Shoe in 1879 he began drinking to excess, finally lost all he had at the gambling tables in Chevenne—and shot himself.

"Wed, Feb 11—Bordeaux. Went to Bullock place. Men have made 4 trips hay. Think there will be about 75 tons.

"Thurs, Feb 12—Staid at Bullock place last night & returned today. William B. (W. G. Bullock's halfbreed son) went hunting and has not returned. Letter from Mr. Bullock.

"Fri, Feb 13—Bordeaux. Started to Cheyenne after Mr. Bullock. Nooned at (Hi) Kelley's. Very windy.

"Sat, Feb 14—Cheyenne. Staid at Bard's last night. Arrived here 11:30 in the worst storm I ever experienced.

"Sun, Feb 15—Cheyenne. Mr. Bullock and Judge Sener (?) arrived.

"Tues, Feb 17—Cheyenne. Went to Ingraham's with Alex Swan. Bought Ingraham's stud colt Ethan Allen. Telegraphed Tom Hunton to send my saddle horse to me here.

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"Thurs, Feb 19—Cheyenne, Frank (probably McHale) come with my horse. Went to Ingraham's and took colt to town.

"Fri, Feb 20 — Cheyenne. Started home, Mr. Bullock with me. Frank leading colt. Saw Mr. J. C. Clark and Mr. Law of the U. P. R. R. this morning. Mr. Clark informed me that work would commence on C. M. & P. R. R. as soon as spring opened. Mr. Law promised me pass over all U. P. roads.

"Sat, Feb 21 — Bordeaux. Staid at Bard's last night. Arrived here 5 P. M.

"Sun, Feb 22—Bordeaux. Dan (Titus) and Jim (Monroe) returned from Bullock place. Finished the hay, 80 tons in all.

"Mon, Feb 23—Bordeaux. Working in shop repairing hay press. Building stable. Haynes come with lumber. Heck Reel's & Irvine's trains here tonight.

"Tues, Feb 24—Bordeaux. Repairing press, building stable, etc. 'Skew' Johnson & lady passed.

"Wed, Feb 25—Bordeaux. Building stable etc. Mrs. Walker & Johnson passed going home. Frank Browning come.

"Thurs, Feb 26—Bordeaux. Work on stable. Settled with Frank Browning and hired him to work 8 months commencing March 1st at 35\$ per month for 3 months and 40\$ per month for 5 months.

"Fri, Feb 27 — Bordeaux. Snowed all last night and all day. The worst storm of the winter. Thermometer 25 below zero last night. "Sat, Feb 28-Bordeaux. Made irons for stable. Dan (Titus) making wardrobe for Mr. Bullock. (E. W.) Whitcomb passed. Thermometer 23 below 0 last night. Very windy all day."

During February, 1880 Mr. Hunton recorded the following receipts: for hay \$37.50, J. Owens \$5, Sturgis, Goodell & Co. \$5, Tom Hunton \$10, Stebbins Post & Co. \$650, Andy Ryan \$25, T. Bergman \$25, F. P. Browning \$95.

His expenditures included: L. P. Justy \$7.50, Hank Courtney \$5, W. G. Bullock \$120, Ingaham for horse (Ethan Allen) \$450, lumber & hardware \$47.50, Frank McHale \$5, E. Nagle for grain \$30.10 and numerous small expenditures for hotel and stable bills, meals, cigars and other incidentals.

#### MARCH, 1880

"Mon, Mar 1—Bordeaux. (L. P.) Justy and Bacon went to 'Goshen Hole' to get out wood. Set hay press etc. Dan Titus making wardrobe.

"Tues, Mar 2—Bordeaux. Men baling hay. (Hi) Kelly come and had his horse shod. Tom Mathews come.

"Wed, Mar 3—Bordeaux. Men baling hay. Frank Gore and others here last night. (Hi) Kelly and I went to Fort Laramie. Stopped at Rustic (hotel).

"Thurs, Mar 4—Bordeaux. Returned from Fort Laramie. Men baling hay. Tobe Miller here tonight, has sold his herd.

"Fri, Mar 5—Bordeaux. Men cutting wood.
Dan making wardrobe. Tom Mathews went to

Fetterman. Wrote to Q. M. and sent him some vouchers signed in blank.

"Sat, Mar 6 — Bordeaux. Men baling hay. Went to (Goshen) Hole. Jim (Monroe) and Col. Bacon getting along very well. Patton on way to Cheyenne, has sold his place.

"Sun, Mar 7 — Bordeaux. Doing nothing. Sent Dan Titus to Sabyl (Sybille) to see surveyor. Heck Reel, Fred Schwartz and others here going prospecting.

"Mon, Mar 8—Bordeaux. Charly Clay and others passed to northward. Sent Frank to Goshen Hole. Fixed up and started north, Dan Titus with me.

"Tues, Mar 9—Silver Springs. Staid at Fort Laramie last night. Nooned at Montgomery's. Got here 5 P. M. George Drake come to Rawhide."

Silver Springs was a road ranch operated by O. J. Demmon on the route to the Black Hills, north of Fort Laramie and between Rawhide Buttes and the present town of Lusk.

John Montgomery's place was fourteen miles north of Fort Laramie, otherwise known as the old Government Farm, so called because the military had erected some log buildings there in the late '60s and experimented in the raising of grain and vegetables for the troops until about 1872 when the project was abandoned by the government.

"Wed, Mar 10-Madden Ranch. Got here 9 A. M. Found Reel, Schwartz & Johnson staking off claims. Staked off several claims."

Jack Madden operated the stage station at Run-

ning Water, on the Niobrara River near today's Lusk. J. W. Dear had erected a station at this location in 1876, and the Indians promptly burned it. Madden built his station of stone, 24 x 48 feet, according to Agnes Wright Spring in her "Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Routes". A peculiar rock formation and early land mark known as The Cardinal's Chair stood in a meadow near by. A mining boom struck this area in the early '80s and the Great Western Mining and Milling Company operated its mine at Lusk's well known Silver Cliff—which was also mined for radium some years ago. Apparently Hunton, Heck Reel, Fred Schwartz and Skew Johnson got in on the ground floor of this boom.

"Thurs, Mar 11 — Mail Station Raw Hide. Staid at Madden's last night. Left Dan Titus to look after claims. Started home and got here. Snowing all day, quite cold.

"Fri, Mar 12—Fort Laramie. Got here on Buckboard at 11 A. M. Much excitement here about the Rawhide mines. Have been troubled a great deal with heart disease of some kind. Snowed all night and all day, Very cold.

"Sat, Mar 13—Bordeaux. Staid at Fort Laramie last night. Come home on coach. T. A. Kent come down. Provines here to do surveying. About two inches snow on ground. Clear. cold.

"Sun, Mar 14 — Bordeaux. Staying by fire all day. Johnny Gordon and others here.

"Mon, Mar 15—Bordeaux. Kent left. Surveyed Tom Hunton's claim. Capt. Ferris here going to Rawhide. Heck Reel passed to Chey-

enne, left plat of mining claims with me to enter mine by. Charly Clay passed.

"Tues, Mar 16—Bordeaux. Capt. Ferris & party staid here last night. Suffered with heart disease all night, also with pain in right eye. Surveyed the Johnny Owens' claim as my homestead according to filling.

"Wed, Mar 17 — Bordeaux. Surveyed 640 acres of land N. & N. W. of my homestead, ahout 200 acres of it in the field. Tobe Miller & family passed. (T. A.) Kent went home.

"Thurs, Mar 18 — Bordeaux. Surveyed the ditch on west side of Chug. Glafcke and others passed to Cheyenne from Raw Hide."

H. Glafcke was editor of the Cheyenne Leader and also mayor of the Magic City in those ripsnorting days. He fought mightly with his pen and influence to keep Cheyenne—instead of Sidney and Omaha, Nebraske—as the outfitting center for the Black Hills. In 1876 he joined forces with F. E. Warren and M. E. Post and together they were successful in persuading the postoffice department to change the routing of mail for Deadwood and "The Hills" from Sidney to Cheyenne. Had it not been for the determined efforts of such men the development and future railroad construction in this area might have taken a different course.

When Union Pacific Railroad surveyors laid out the townsite of Cheyenne in the summer of 1867, Morton E. Post moved in, set up business and from then on became one of the new city's most effective promoters. In addition to banking and other business activities he brought the first gold bullion from the Black Hills to Cheyenne, served the new com-

munity as county commissioner, was a member of the territorial council and a delegate to Congress for two terms.

"Fri, Mar 19 — Bordeaux. Surveyed ditch on east side of Chug. Tom Hunton went to Cheyenne. Provines with him. Paid Provines 60\$ for surveying. Frank, the 1-2 breed, sick. Sent him to Fort Laramie by Arthur Clark.

"Sat, Mar 20—Bordeaux. Cutting wood at ranch. Reel's miners here on way to Running Water. Killed some ducks and chickens.

"Sun, Mar 21 — Bordeaux. Col. Bacon and Jim (Monroe) moved home from (Goshen) 'Hole'.

"Mon, Mar 22—Bordeaux. Started men to baling hay. Press don't work right. 'Dolly' had a calf. Iron roofing arrived.

"Tues, Mar 23—Bordeaux. Baling hay. Sam Groves come to ranch enroute to Cheyenne for bulls. Maj. Ferris passed to Cheyenne. Tuttle (?) staid here last night. Commenced putting roof on house.

"Wed, Mar 24-Bordeaux. Baling hay. Heck Reel, D. Street (?) and Capt. Henry passed to Running Water mines. Phillips' wife and servants passed. Hi Kelly and Jim Lane dined here.

"Thurs, Mar 25 — Bordeaux. Baling hay. Working on roof. Hauling rock for dam at Owens' ditch.

"Sat, Mar 27.—Bordeaux. Smiths come to talk about buying herd, did not buy. Fred Schwartz & Henry passed to Cheyenne. Zack Thomason here to dinner. Col. Bacon and I killed some ducks.

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"Mon, Mar 29 — Bordeaux. Baling hay. Worked on roof all day. Heck Reel, Henry & Fred Schwartz, Maj. Wahm (or Wham), Col. Brackett & others here last night. Letter from W. B. Williams about buying herd. Ansd. it."

A "General" Brackett, along with Fred Schwartz and others, was one of the principal promoters of this new mining boom now beginning to blossom in the area from Fort Laramie north to Running Water, and a new townsite in Raw Hide Canyon was named Brackett City. Innumerable prospectors were soon swarming. Rich gold discoveries were claimed in the hills six to twelve milse northwest of Fort Laramie; a lode of silver bearing quartz was "discovered" three miles west of Muskrat Canyon, both gold and silver in other locations from Raw Hide Buttes to Running Water and a whole mountain of silver near Silver Springs. (We wonder whatever became of it all!)

But regardless of the accuracy of the reports or what happened to all that precious metal ore, prosperity of a sort, however temporary, did come to the area. New towns started springing up, there was a great demand for building materials and business boomed in old Cheyenne. Some miners even left the

Black Hills for a try in this new field. Reference is also made in the abo

Reference is also made in the above entry to a Maj. Wahm, generally spelled "Wham" in this journal. The correct spelling may have been "Wamb". Russell Thorp of Cheyenne, has had the original of the accompanying illustration since the 1880's, when he was a boy at his father's stage line head-quarters at Raw Hide Buttes.



INDIAN ATTACK ON ARMY PAYMASTER

Mr. Thorp advises that a notation on the back of this original reads, "Maj. Wamb, paymaster U. S. A., attacked by Utes 1878." For further details of Paymaster Wham's or Wahm's or Wamb's comings and goings see pages 32, 34 and 106, Vol. 3.

"Wed, Mar 31—Bordeaux, Baling hay, Sent Pat to Fort Laramie by L. P. Justy, Goldschmidt and others passed."

The "Goldschmidt" who passed through Bordeaux that long ago March day may have been a man otherwise known as Goldsmith, who owned the Diamond A ranch at Bulls Bend on the Platte. Virginia Cole Trenholm in her "Foot Prints on the Frontier" records a story told by Stage Driver George Lathrop about this Mr. Goldsmith. One morn-

ing when Lathrop's stage was loading at Cheyenne for departure to Fort Laramie and the Black Hills it happened that several of the territory's prominent cattlemen fell to arguing about who was to have the coveted privilege of riding with the driver. Mr. Goldsmith apparently was not an active contestant for that honor to start with, so finally the disputants called on him to decide among them. And to help him make up his mind they pressed him with frequent and liberal snorts from their bottles. In due time this treatment so warmed up the gentleman he at last decided the best man was none other than Mr. Goldsmith himself, and thereupon climbed with resolute unsteadiness into the seat beside Driver Lathrop, leaving the rest of them to go to, as it were.

In March, 1880, Mr. Hunton's only recorded receipts were: \$3.00 from Pollard and \$104.50 from G. H. Collins, the post trader at Fort Laramie.

His expenditures included: to Wm. Bullock (W. G. Bullock's halfbreed son) \$40, E. Nagle \$25, Dan Titus \$5, Thos. Harvy \$107.50, \$5 on a raffle, 50e for a magazine "Gaiety" and about \$10 for drinks, cigars, etc.

# **APRIL, 1880**

"Thurs, Apr 1 — Bordeaux. Baling hay. Worked on roof and used up all the iron roofing. L. P. Justy returned from Post (Fort Laramie), Crawford with him.

"Fri, Apr 2—Bordeaux. Left instructions for work to be done during my absence and started to Cheyenne with Zack Thomason. Wen9 as far as Kelly's. Williams and Smith here tonight going to Fetterman to see herd with view of purchasing.

"Sat, Apr 3—Cheyenne. Staid at Frank Kelly's last night. Nooned at Bard's. Got to Cheyenne at sundown.

"Mon, Apr 5—Cheyenne. Attended Stock meeting. Sent load of provisions etc. to Ranch by Curly Coleman."

Curley Coleman was running the notorious Six Mile Ranch on the Laramie, just outside the Fort Laramie military reservation.

"Tues, Apr 6—Cheyenne. Attended Stock meeting. Time set for roundup and other business transacted. Batn. 5th Cavalry went to make new post on Running Water. Drank some wine for the first time in more than five years.

"Wed, Apr 7 — Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Malcolm Campbell come from East.

"Thurs, Apr 8—Cheyenne. W. B. Williams returned from Box Elder Ranch. He liked everything and bargained to purchase at \$34,000 but had to send East for funds.

"Fri, Apr 9-Cheyenne. Doing nothing but waiting for Williams to close trade for herd.

"Mon, Apr 12 — Cheyenne. Closed cattle trade with Williams & Smith. Had contracts drawn up and received \$1000 on payment. Have to wait until they get their money from the East for remainder."

And for the next four days John Hunton continued to sit in Cheyenne "doing nothing" except wait for his money.

"Sat, Apr 17—Cheyenne. Closed the contract with Williams & Smith. Received \$5000 from them. Left all papers with Stebbins Post & Co. for them to collect \$14,000 and place to my credit. Bought some lumber, paid some bills, etc. 10:00 P.M. snowing.

'Sun, Apr 18—Hi Kelly's Ranch. Started home, got here. Saw T. A. Kent, Luke Voorhees and others. Snowed all last night & nearly all day, quite cold.

"Mon, Apr 19—Bordeaux. Got home. Dan Titus shoeing horses. Separated cow ponies and prepared to start to Box Elder Ranch. Windy, snow flying.

"Tues, Apr 20—Bordeaux, Started horses to Box Elder by Malcolm Campbell & Frank Mc-Nab. Dan Titus and L. P. Justy with wagon. Team would not pull and Dan come back for other horses.

"Wed, Apr 21—Horse Shoe. Started to Box Elder. Got as far as here today.

"Thurs, Apr 22—Box Elder. Staid at Horse Shoe last night, nooned at LaBonte. Passed Arbuckle on LaBonte hill. Arrived here 5:30 P.M. Everything all right.

"Fri, Apr 23—Box Elder. Went to McMillan's and to 'Bats' (Little Bat Garnier's). Dan Titus and Jim arrived with team & wagon.

"Sat, Apr 24—Box Elder. Dan Titus shoeing the ranch teams. Settled up with L. P. Justy and paid him bal. due, \$118.50. Snowed last night and all day. "Sun, Apr 25—Box Elder. All hands doing nothing. Settled with Malcolm Campbell all accounts to date. Snowed nearly all day.

"Mon, Apr 26—Box Elder, Campbell & I went to Post (Fort Fetterman), Searight roundup party here. Sent Campbell to ranch to tell Jim Berry to start roundup on north side of Platte.

"Tues, Apr 27—Box Elder, Staid at Fort Fetterman last night. Jim Berry started on roundup, Went by old shop (at the Milk Ranch on LaPrele) and settled with Robert Fryer, Left the new wagon on his hands and paid him \$41.50 in full of accounts for repairing."

Robert Fryer was born at Cadiz, Ohio, in 1837 and served with the Eleventh Ohio Cavalry through the Civil War. He came to the Fort Fetterman area in 1878, where he worked for John Hunton until December 5 of that year, when he took over Hunton's blacksmith shop at his "Milk Ranch" on the La Prele (see page 103, Vol. 3). Numerous other references to their association and business dealings are contained in Hunton's previous journals.

And Mr. Fryer liked to pound out verse as well as iron. Following is a sample, written on the abandonment of old Fort Fetterman:

Left at last in silence dreary,
On that bleak and barren cone,
With a look so old and weary—
Like one standing at death's landing,

Soon to cross that stream alone.

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Still, within thy halls forsaken, Memories seem to linger there. Memories of the past awaken,

When the savage made his ravage

On many who oft sought thy care.

Now, the mighty winds are sighing

Through thy weird chambers dark.
Where thy shattered walls are lying
The moonlight of the midnight
Lights the ruins with a spark.



ROBERT FRYER
Poet-Blacksmith on the LaPrele

"Wed, Apr 28—Box Elder. Doing nothing and not feeling well. Dave Lord come. Bargained with him to run ox train this summer. Bought Bill Freeland's wood. Snowed some last night.

"Thurs, Apr 29—Box Elder. Repairing yokes and changing racks. George Harris here and promised to put in all his wood."

It will be recalled by those who have followed this journal that George Harris was one of the few original settlers on Horseshoe who escaped the Indian attack of 1868, known as the "Bloody Trail Massacre". Although wounded, Harris conceaded himself in the brush throughout the night while the settlement burned, later making his way safely to refuge on the LaBonte.

"Fri, Apr 30—Box Elder. Went to Fort Fetterman. Saw Redfern who promised to work in wood and get in all he could. Letter from Thayer about freight. I wrote him I would haul 4 trips to Fort McKinney."

Hunton's financial transactions are coming to life again with the advent of spring. For April 1880 he records the following receipts: Tom Hunton \$44, Mrs. Seely (?) \$255.50, Goldschmidt \$3.50, T. Dyer \$50, W. B. Williams \$1000, Williams & Smith \$5000, Frank Kelly \$11.50 and Stebbins Post & Co. \$100.

Omitting many small incidental items his rerecorded expenditures include: Bard Road Ranch \$8, wine \$17.25, assaying rock \$2, J. L. Kemper \$600, butter \$10, 1st National Bank \$306, Stebbins Post & Co. \$3620.60, N. Robertson \$60, G. L. Holt \$38.75, McMann for papers and contract \$5, F. Schwickart \$29, H. Haas \$157.90, Collins Bros. \$4, Dave Miller \$3.50, pants \$7, hotel bill \$27.50, Mrs. F. S. Hall \$100, Tom Hunton \$25, Cottonwood Ranch \$3.50, Horse Shoe Ranch \$7.25, LaBonte Ranch \$2.50, L. P. Justy \$118.50, Bob Waln \$172.20, Ellis (York) \$45, Land warrant \$100, E.Tillotson \$61.88, W. H. Murphy \$291.54, R. Fryer \$41.50, Bill Freeland \$50, Jim Berry \$10, Frank McNeb \$5, D. K. Lord \$25, W. H. Murphy \$9.70, E. H. Redfern \$40, horse fee 50c and a total of \$99.15 for drinks, cigars and incidentals.

The J. L. Kemper who received \$600 from John Hunton on April 12, 1880, was a brigadier general in the Confederate army, commanding Kemper's Brigade. He was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg. His home still stands on a wooded hillside near Hunton's home town of Madison, Virginia—at least it was still there during the 1850's. It is perhaps safe to assume that following the Civil War General Kemper, along with most Confederates, found himself in difficult financial straits—so possibly that \$600 was a loan or gift from John Hunton to his former neighbor and comrade-in-arms.

## MAY, 1880

"Sat, May 1—Fort Fetterman. Waiting to hear from Charly Wright who wants to haul hay from Chug.

"Sun, May 2-Box Elder. Did not hear from Wright and come home today. Settled with Jim Monroe. Searight's men here waiting to go on roundup.

"Mon, May 3.—Box Elder. Working in shop on wagons. Telegram from Tom Hunton that he had contracted with Wright to haul hay at \$20 per ton. Letter from Thayer that he cannot give my train work unless it is divided into 2 or more sections. Bob, Speed Stagner & man here.

"Tues, May 4—Box Elder. Went to Free land's wood camp. Done some work in shop. Malcolm Campbell went to Fetterman & bid on beef. Speed Stagner lowest bidder at 10c. Carey's & Wolcott's roundup outfits here tonight."

On that 4th day of May, 1880, Tom Matthews, who had worked for and been associated with John Hunton for some years, had a right good sized paycheck. Preserved in the pocket of Mr. Hunton's diary is a check marked "For Wages". It reads as follows:

No. 86. Cheyenne, Wyoming. May 4th, 1880 STEBBINS, POST & CO., BANKERS Pay to the order of THOMAS MATTHEWS

Pay to the order of THOMAS MATTHEWS
Twenty seven hundred eleven & 90-100 Dollars
\$2711.90. (Signed) JOHN HUNTON

It is endorsed on the back, "Pay to the order of Stebbins Post & Co., THOMAS MATTHEWS".

It says in fine print on the face that this ancient check was made by Wm. Mann, 529 Market St., Phila

"Wed, May 5—Box Elder. Calf roundup started this morning. Give Malcolm Campbell instructions, left him in charge of Ranch and

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started to Bordeaux. Loaded Dan Titus' wagon with things wanted below. He will start tomorrow. Maj. DeBussy arrived at Fetterman."



MALCOLM CAMPBELL

Hunton's close friend and associate during the '70s and '80s, who later became one of the West's most famous Sheriffs.

"Thurs, May 6 — Enroute to Bordeaux. Staid at Fetterman last night. Cold & windy.

"Fri, May 7-Bordeaux. Nooned at F. M. Phillip's, Loaned Phillips \$2000 for 90 days, Gothere 4:30. Men been working on ditches. Charly Wright's teams here to load hay.

"Sat, May 8—Bordeaux. Men working on ditches. Wright loaded teams with hay and started to Fetterman. Dan Titus got here with team.

"Mon, May 10—Bordeaux. Work on ditch bridge across road. Got load posts & wood. Mr. Harrison passed to Cheyenne. Left his horse here. Laid out flume over 'Dry Creek'.

"Tues, May 11—Bordeaux. Williams and Smith come & went on to Box Elder. T. A. Kent and Heck Reel passed to Ranch. Told men what to do and started to Cheyenne. Mr. W. G. Bullock with me.

"Wed, May 12—Cheyenne. Staid at Hi Kelly's last night. Arrived here 6 P. M.

"Thurs, May 13—Cheyenne. Paid off lots of debts today. Tom Hunton arrived and proved up on his land claim. Ashenfeldter arrived.

"Fri, May 14—Cheyenne. Paid all accounts owed in Cheyenne. Went to Laramie City to have mortgage of Williams & Smith recorded.

"Sat, May 15—Laramie City. Left the Willams & Smith mortgage with county clerk to be recorded. Went to Fort Sanders and paid very pleasant visit to Gen. Flint & family. Republican convention met and elected delegates to Chicago convention."

Mr. Hunton returned to Cheyenne on the 16th where he spent the next three days "doing nothing".

"Wed, May 19—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Paid Col. VanVliet 225\$ for the old white stud horse. "Thurs, May 20—Bordeaux. Arrived here on coach at 4 P.M. Skew Johnson and L. here Not much done since I left. Very dry.

"Fri, May 21—Bordeaux. Working on flume & ditch, etc. Skew Johnson & wife went to Cheyenne. George Drake here last night and went to Kelly's. Swan's roundup party passed.

"Sat, May 22—Bordeaux. Worked on flume & ditch. Billy Williams & Lt. Jordon here tonight."

"Billy" Williams may have been William R. Williams, a native of Nova Scotia, who migrated to Denver in 1867, coming to Wyoming shortly thereafter. Mr. Williams worked about for some five years and then settled on grazing land near Tie Siding, 28 miles southeast of the City of Laramie, where he eventually developed a well improved, 12,000-acre ranch.

"Sun, May 23 — Bordeaux. Done nothing Letter from sister. Wild passed to Cheyenne with teams."

For the next two days Mr. Hunton "done nothing" except continue to work on his flume and Johnny Owens' ditch. But he records that both nights were freezing cold.

"Wed, May 26-Bordeaux. Put headgate in Johnny Owens' ditch. Got load posts for flume. Putting in dam for Owens' ditch. Johnny Gordon here to meet his brother who came on coach. R. R. surveyors camped above the upper dam.

"Thurs, May 27-Bordeaux. Working on flume and Owens' dam, R. R. Surveyors run

line through meadows full length and through corrals. F. M. Phillips here and put his sorrel mares to horse.

"Fri, May 28—Bordeaux. Working on flume and Owens' dam. Rode down Chug with Mr. Collins the R. Road surveyor. Charly Wright's teams arrived.

"Sat, May 29-Bordeaux. Policing about the house. Skew Johnson arrived. Wright's teams loaded and started.

"Sun, May 30—Bordeaux. Doing nothing. Rained about half the night and snowed hard nearly all day.

"Mon, May 31—Horse Shoe. Going to Fort Fetterman. Arrived here 6 P.M. Skew Johnson come with me. Cold & frosty last night."

On May 8 Mr. Hunton entered this memorandum in the back of his diary: "Sent receipt for 5124 lbs. hay to Q. M. Fort Fetterman given by Robert London. A. A. Q. M. Batn. 5th Cav. dated April 30th, 1880."

And on the last memoranda page is the following list of cattle: 260 2-yr. old steers, 190 1-yr. old steers, 130 3-yr. old steers, 500 cows, 39 bulls and 166 calves—a total of 1002 head, not counting the calves. This may have been the Box Elder herd Mr. Hunton sold Williams & Smith for \$34,000 on April 12, although he does not say so. But if it was, then he received about \$34 a head for the cattle, with the calves thrown in.

His only recorded receipt for May, 1880, is \$4063.90 from Stebbins Post & Co., but when Mr. Hunton noted on May 13 that he "paid off lots of debts", he meant it. His expenditures for the month were many and include: mocassins \$2.15, James Monroe \$30, Tom Matthews \$2711.90, Malcolm Campbell \$10, F. M. Phillips (loan) \$2000, W. G. Bullock \$1200, B. Hellman \$263.40, Smith & Harrington \$399, Draper & Hammond \$413, E. Nagle \$951, Marks & Myers \$116, Gallatin & Co. \$114.95, R. B. Harris \$105.40, recording mortgages \$4.80, transfering brand 50c, sharpening razors 35c, Trotting Association \$25, Col. VanVliet (for old white stallion) \$225, Frank Kelly \$2, Wilson Turner \$10, and more than \$100 for drinks, cigars, hotel bills and other incidentals.

#### JUNE, 1880

"Tues, June 1—Fort Fetterman. Arrived here 6 P. M. Borrowed bale of hay from Govt. horses in E. Tillotson's stable. Frost last night.

"Thurs, June 3.—Box Elder. Executed contract with Ludington Q. M. for 700 cords fire wood at 85 per cord for Fort Fetterman. Tillotson & Nichol bondsmen. Arrived here at noon. Dave Lord just leaving. Nothing done since I left.

"Fri, June 4—Box Elder. Done nothing all day. Not feeling well. Lord passed with wood. Only 6 8-yoke teams working. Cannot get teamsters.

"Sat, June 5—Box Elder. Repaired some blacksmithing tools & yokes, Frank looking for horses. Little Bat here all day. Dan Titus arrived. "Sun, June 6—Box Elder. Set up mower & rake & fixed steel thimbles on wagon. Train went to wood camp.

"Tues, June 8—Fort Fetterman. Here doing nothing. Train in with wood. Malcolm Campbell come in from roundup with 17 head work cattle.

"Thurs, June 10—Fort Fetterman. Charly Wright arrived with hay & unloaded. Went to Box Elder. Paid D. K. Lord \$248.50 on account.

"Fri, June 11—Box Elder. Set wagon tire, made tongue rods and done other repairing on racks. Charly Wright come for wagons to haul hay from 'Wagon Hound'. Rained last night.

"Sat, June 12—Box Elder, Charly Wright started to 'Wagon Hound', Malcolm Campbell went with him to show road. Went to Little Bat's. Measured Freeland's wood on Little Box Elder, 741/4 cords of it. Had a fine chase after 3 mountain sheep. Dan Titus repairing racks."

John Hunton's companion on that "fine chase" after mountain sheep of June 12, 1880, was undoubtedly Little Bat Garnier. This famous halfbreed scout, mighty hunter and brother of Hunton's French-Indian girl Lallee, was also a good man, honorable, dependable and friendly, according to all records this writer has found concerning him.

Hunton briefly sketches Little Bat's life in Vol. 1, page 104, and now the detailed story of how he was murdered comes to light in a letter written many years ago by the late Capt. James Cook, of Agate, Nebraska, to his life-long friend, Russell Thorp, Jr., of Cheyenne. It happened something like



BAPTISTE (LITTLE BAT) GARNIER Photograph Courtesy of Russell Thorp

this:

In 1898 Garnier was employed as post guide and interpreter at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, where he was a favorite among both officers and men. One day, about Christmas, 1900, Little Bat and an acquaintance entered a saloon in Crawford, Nebraska, for a glass of beer. The establishment was owned by a man named Dietrich and the hartender was one Jim Haguewood, described by Capt, Cook as "having some family troubles .... and drinking quite heavily." As Garnier and his friend were chatting over their beer Haguewood is said to have angrily demanded, "Who pays for these drinks?" Little Bat replied, "I will when I am ready", and started unbuttoning his heavy buffalo hide coat to get his money from an inside pocket. Haguewood shouted, "You are ready right now" and grabbed a revolver. Garnier, himself unarmed, sensed that the man intended to shoot and crouched down in front of the bar. His assailant reached across it and fired, with the muzzle of his gun almost touching Little Bat's neck. The fatally wounded man walked out of the saloon and toward his horse, but collapsed in the street. He was carried to a nearby room where he died in the arms of his wife, a daughter of M. A. Mousseau, some two hours later. She said afterward that before losing consciousness he spoke to her in the Sioux language, saving he thought Haguewood was his friend and could not see why a friend should shoot him

The killing was witnessed by several persons, but all of Little Bat's army friends were in Cuba when Haguewood stood trial for murder. He was acquitted because, in Capt. Cook's opinion, he was a white man while Little Bat, to most of the people in Crawford at least, was "nothing but an Indian". Capt. Cook also believed Baptiste Garnier's character and quarter century of service to the army entitled him to a more fitting monument than the simple marker at his grave in Fort Robinson, with the single word, "Employee", under his name and date of death.

But although the white side of Halfbreed Garnier's family tree may have treated his memory a bit shabbly, some of his red brothers did not forget, according to this item in the Crawford Gazette of December 28, 1800:

"There were several Indians on the Elkhorn train Tuesday morning enroute from Pine Ridge to Fort Robinson to attend the funeral of Baptiste Garnier. Some of the passengers were not a little alarmed when the redskins suddenly commenced to give vent to their lamentations with a weird and incomprehensible death chant. The timid ones were informed that there was no cause for alarm, after which they were deeply impressed with the novelty of the occasion. The chant was repeated several times."

"Sun, June 13—Box Eider. Went to pole camp with Dan Titus and got poles for hay stacker.

"Mon, June 14—Box Elder. Returned from pole camp. Killed deer. Train loading wood. Lallee & Jessle at Bet's. Did not see them."

This is the first word about Lallee since she left Hunton's home at Bordeaux December 20, 1879,

with his gift of a team, wagon and harness. Little Bat was her brother. According to records left by the late George H. Cross, one of Speed Stagner's three squaws was Lallee's sister and known as "Gency" Garnier. Speed is said to have traded a horse for the half French, half Indian girl when she was 14 years old. The "Jessie" who was with Lallee at Little Bat's and also with her when she left Hunton's Bordeaux in December, "79, could well have been the girl called "Gency"-at least the similar sound of the two names, coupled with the loose spelling of that day, strongly suggest the possibility. But whether or no, it is known there was a colony of squaws who had been discarded by their white men in the vicinity of Fort Fetterman-and that their plight was pitiable.

"Wed, June 16 — Fort Fetterman. Wood train in and unloaded. Hay train in and unloaded. Hay contract campleted.

"Thurs, June 17—Fort Fetterman. Two men cording wood. Saw Trabing. Letter from Thayer, can get freight in July.

"Fri, June 18—Fort Fetterman, Doing nothing, Col. Royal here inspecting, Tillotson left on coach."

Col. Wm. B. Royal commanded fifteen companies of Gen. Crook's summer expedition against the northern Sioux tribes who massacred Custer—see page 95, Vol. 2.

"Sat, June 19—Box Elder. Train unloaded wood and returned as far as here. Left Fort Fetterman 5 P. M. "Sun, June 20 — Jackson's Ranch. Rode over country looking at Slaymaker & Redfern wood nearly all day. Arrived here 4 P. M."



SAMUEL SLAYMAKER Douglas Budget (1907) Photograph

Sam Slaymaker had been a quartermaster sergeant at Fort Fetterman, said to have been known affectionately as "Slippery", because of his alleged cooperation in slipping local civilians a bit of useful army material now and then—such as a keg of nails when needed. After his discharge from the army Mr. Slaymaker established a road ranch on upper LaFrele creek, along the road to Rock Creek and Medicine Bow. He later moved his popular stage coach service station to Buckshot above Spring Canyon on the same road, and his former location became the Andrew Jackson Ranch, now a part of the Cross ranch near Douglas. This information comes from Mrs. Criss Cross Morton, daughter of the late Floneer George H. Cross.

In later life Mr. Slaymaker served as justice of the peace, clerk of the Converse county district court, was its first assessor and also receiver of the Douglas U. S. Land Office. He was a native of Pennsylvania, was wounded during the Civil War while a soldier in Sherman's command, and reen-

listed at its close.

"Men, June 21 — Bex Elder. Wont to George's charceal comp and centracted with him to burn and deliver 1200 bushels charceal for 25e per bu. Centracted with Tom & Jack to chen 100 cords wood near eld blackamith shep. Get to ranch after night. Malcolm Campbell went on revulup today.

"Tues, June 22-Bex Elder. Setting wagen

tire, Little Bet helping me.

"Wed, June 23—Bex Elder. Finished setting tire. Settled with Baptiste and paid him in full for all work. Went to Fort Fetterman.

"Thurs, June 24—Fort Fetterman. Leaned Baptiste \$100. Bargained with men to cut wood in pole patch. Light rain, heavy hall all around.

"Sat, June 26—Fort Petterman. Roundup here. Malcelm Campbell get 7 exen en nerth

side of Platte. Train unloaded.

"Sun, June 27—Box Elder. Arrived here today. Roundup working LaPrelle.

"Mon, June 28 — Box Elder. Went to Mountain. Contracted with Spang & Foy for 200 cords wood. Set tire for Bat.

"Wed, June 30—Box Elder, Returned from Fort Fetterman. Kelly with me. Employed Malcolm Campbell at 40\$ per month to look after my business here. Wood train unloaded wood cerded. Ealand & hulled."

In the back of his diary Mr. Hunton entered this memorandum:

"June 16—Sent Q. M. Cheyenne Depot receipt for 9086 lbs. hay as follows: London 5142 VanVilet 1400, Parker 2562."

During June, 1880 he recorded the following receipts: E. Tillotson \$100, Stebbins Post & Co. \$1515.86. Gillis \$62, and Hathaway \$71.50.

His listed expenditures included: fish hooks 75c, Jm Berry \$100, M. Campbell \$20, D. K. Lord \$268.50, Frank McNab \$10, wood corders \$16, G. C. Chariton \$614.68, E. Tillotson \$900, bill at Jackson's ranch \$2 Bantiste Garrier (Joan) 3100 and S. D. Groves \$2500.

In addition, here is his carefully noted record of winnings and losses at cards during the month: Won—320, \$17 and \$16, a total of \$35. Lost—\$1.50 \$5, 86, \$44, \$14 and \$19.50, a total of \$90. But maybe the fun was worth it.

And the S. D. Groves who received \$2,500 was our old friend Sam who, it will be recalled, worked for Mr. Hunton almost constantly during 1875, "76 and "77 and also in subsequent years. So perhaps Sam Groves got one of those cumulative and long delayed paydays which apparently were not uncommon in those times, and which may be the best way yet invented for some folks to save money. But however that may be, it was no "cash and carry" era.

### JULY, 1880

"Thurs, July 1—Box Elder. Arranged all business. Went to Fort Fetterman. Bargained to put in 400 telegraph poles at \$1.75 each. Hi Kelly took my team & went to Chug. Rec'd. wood. Settled with Redfern.

"Fri, July 2—Fort Fetterman. Doing nothing. Bargained with Wm. Aug to take part of my teams and run them with his.

"Sun, July 4—Rock Creek. Left Fetterman at 1 A. M., arrived here 5 P. M. Heavy rain here yesterday. Come over on coach. Agreed to haul trip of freight for Thayer.

"Mon, July 5-Cheyenne. Arrived today. Attended the races. Everything passed off well.

"Tues, July 6—Chevenne. Doing nothing. Winterling, Guthrie & others here.

"Wed, July 7—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. F. M. Phillips here.

"Thurs, July 8—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Skew Johnson arrived with some beef.

"Sun, July 11—Cheyenne, Doing nothing. Went to church twice today.

"Mon, July 12—Cheyenne. Bargained with John Sparks for 24 steers at \$30 per head. Kelly here."

The story of how Rancher Goldsmith of Bulls

Bend got to ride with Stage Driver George Lathrop was briefly summarized following the entry of March 31. In his full account of that rivalry among prominent stockmen to share the driver's seat Mr. Lathrop named John Sparks as one of the contestants. The others were Alex Swan, G. B. Godelle and R. S. VanTassell.

"Tues, July 13—Cheyenne. Went with Hi Kelly to see Q. M. Dave Lord arranged to let Govt. have hay at Bordeaux for \$20 per ton. Shiner will sell horses at 20 to 25 dollars per head at Sydney about Aug. 1st.

"Thurs, July 15—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne this morning on coach. Skew Johnson, Will Clay and Mr. Smith with me. Arrived here 5 P. M.

"Fri, July 16—Bordeaux. Set up machines and commenced cutting hay. E. W. Whitcomb & party passed.

"Sat, July 17 — Bordeaux, Mr. Player & Judge Kingman here last night. Cutting some hay. Ashenfelter passed to Fort McKinney, Dry & hot.

"Sun, July 18—Bordeaux. Tom Hunton, Col. Bacon & Turner went to Laramie River fishing. Caught nothing. Hi Kelly here today. Swan's, Nagle's and other outfits going to Goshen's Hole to drive out cattle.

"Tues, July 20—Bordeaux. Going to Phillip's today horseback. Heavy rain early this morning.

"Wed, July 21—Fort Laramie. Staid at F. M. Phillip's last night. Phillips going to roundup. Saw Capt. Hatton here. Nick Janis heretried to buy his place. Mr. John London appointed post trader.

"Thurs, July 22—Fort Laramie. Doing nothing but trying to trade with Janis for hay or place.

"Fri, July 23—Fort Laramie. Doing nothing. Heard Charly Wright sold his cattle & teams.

"Sat, July 24—Fort Laramie. Went to Nick Janis' to buy his place. Found G. L. Holt here on same errand. Draper passed to his ranch. Heavy rain last night.

"Sun, July 25—Little Moon. Bought Janis' place for \$3350. Went to Fort Laramle, Nick with me. Wright going to move to Cheyenne. Styrais & Goodeli's cattle being driven north.

"Mon, July 26—Bordeaux, Arrived home.

Not much doing during my absence. Grass growing well.

"Tues, July 27—Pole (Lodgepole) Creek.
On my way to Chevenne to settle with Janis.

"Wed, July 28—Cheyenne. Arrived here 10 A. M. Getting Corlett to draw up the papers for Janis' place. Got the patent for my preemption claim on Chug and left it with county clerk to be recorded."

Here is the interesting legend of how Chug Creek or Chugwater got its name. Along this stream are some high bluffs over which the Indians are said to have driven buffalo as the easiest and quickest way of killing them. The heavy beasts made a chugging sound when they struck on the rocks at the base of these cliffs so the Indians named the stream. "The Water at the Place Where the Buffalo Chug." Early white settlers in the area shortened it to "Chugwater". A more detailed account of this legend is contained in Virginia Cole Trenholm's "Footprints on the Frontier".

And the "Corlett" mentioned in the above entry was W. W. Corlett, an early Cheyenne lawyer who aided in the prosecution of Bad Man Charles Martin in 1868 after Martin killed his partner in crime, one Mr. Jones, during a brawl. Previously Martin & Jones were suspected of robbing General Dandy of \$5000. After being arrested for killing his side-kick, there being no jail in Cheyenne in 1868, Martin is said to have been permitted to roam the streets of The Magic City, with a ball and chain attached to one leg. The desperado was not convicted and swore vengence against his prosecutor when set at liberty. But the vigilantes took care of Mr. Martin before he could make good his threat. We shall hear considerably more about Lawyer Corlett as time goes on.

"Thurs, July 29—Cheyenne. Corlett drew up the papers for Janis claim and they were executed and the money paid to him. Gen. Crook passed west.

"Fri, July 30—Rock Creek. Arrived here today. Dave Lord's train loading with a miscellaneous outfit of freight.

"Sat, July 31-Rock Creek. Finished loading, 65,900 lbs. A. Swan went west."

During July, 1880, John Hunton recorded the following receipts: Frank Lacy \$38, "E. T." (probably Tillotson) \$102 and \$9.50. Searight \$16 and \$3800 from Stebbins Post & Co.

His listed expenditures were more numerous and included: E. Tillotson \$38, cards \$3, freight on whips \$1.50, stage fares \$21.50, meals \$11.50, Thayer \$8.25. cigars, drinks and beer (they seemed to go together) \$16.50, E. Nagle \$62.19, Hellman \$\$5, Hellman \$\$5, Hellman \$\$5, Hellman \$\$5, 120, Johnson & Walker \$71.25, Addoms & Glover \$47.95, hay rake \$35, Dyer Holel \$48.45, N. Kipp \$120, Johnson & Walker \$71.25, G. H. Collins \$44.36, books \$2.25, Nick Janis \$3,343.90, O. F. Cowhick \$38.50, mower (old) \$30, Al Laughlin \$5, George Levers (the blacksmith) \$5, Corlett \$25, stable bill \$3, tobacco for G. B. \$3 and D. K. Lord \$20. A tidy total for the month of more than \$4200.

### AUGUST, 1880

"Sun, Aug. 1—Cheyenne. Returned here today. Mrs. True & Baily on train. Tom Hunton in town.

in town.

"Mon, Aug 2—Cheyenne. Went to circus.

Great many people in from country.

"Tues, Aug 3—Cheyenne. Doing nothing.

"Wed, Aug 4 — Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Hi Kelly went home.

"Thurs, Aug 5—Cheyenne. Telegram from Tom Hunton that the Missourians would cut

hay.
"Fri, Aug 6—Cheyenne. E. Tillotson here,
has sold his sutler store at Fort Fetterman to
Nichol.

"Sat, Aug 7—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Went to theatre with Mrs. Charlton to see play, "Through Death Valley". Snyde play. "Sun, Aug 8—Cheyenne. Went to church. Hay cutters come to town.

"Mon, Aug 9—Cheyenne. Got things for hay cutters and they loaded and started to 'Little Moon'. Hot & dry.

"Wed, Aug 11—Cheyenne. Bargained with Meeks to take freight to Little Moon for \$1.00 for 100 lbs. Loaded & started him."

The "Meeks" above with whom John Hunton bargained to haul freight, was C. P. (Dub) Meek, one of the earliest freighters to the Black Hills. He was also one of the many pioneers interviewed by Agnes Wright Spring while researching for her book, "Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Routes". And in August, 1839 (when Mr. Meek was 88 years old and living in Upton, Wyoming) the Newcastle, Wyoming, News-Letter Journal published its "Half-Century" edition containing two stories by Mr. Meek in which he told of many early day experiences. One of them was headed, "C. P. Meek Drove First Bull Train Into The Black Hills".

"Thurs, Aug 12—Bordeaux. Arrived here by coach. Hay making going on here and on the Laramie River. Charly Clay & Colin Hunter come out.

"Fri, Aug 13—Bordeaux. Looking around but not doing much. Mr. W. G. Bullock going east, Give him \$2000—owe him \$4800 bal. his half of herd. Clay & Hunter passed north.

"Sat, Aug 14—Bordeaux. Fixing to go to Little Moon to cut hay. 81/2 P. M. very heavy rain.

"Sun, Aug 15-Fort Laramie, Left ranch

this morning. Come by Bullock place. Dan Titus done cutting hay there. Mr. Bullock started east today.

"Mon, Aug 16—Little Moon. Arrived here today. Nick Janis left on the 13th. Everything all right. Goods arrived from Cheyenne.

"Tues, Aug 17—Little Moon. Got machine & rake in running order. Tom Davis and party arrived. (The Missourlans.)

"Wed, Aug 18—Little Moon. Davis commenced cutting hay with three machines, all running nicely.

"Thurs, Aug 19—Bullock Place. Left Little Moon this morning, everything all right. Got new Winchester rifle at Fort Laramie. Dan Titus nearly done having here.

"Frl, Aug 20—Bordeaux, Arrived here today, everything going all right. Commenced repairing hay press. A. B. Clarke arrived. Settled with him and arranged about buying cattle with him. Let him have \$1050 to pay on cattle.

"Sun, Aug 22—Bordeaux. Letter from Mr. Green, stage agent at Fort Laramie, that Luke Voorhees would take hay as per my proposal at \$17.50 per ton. Sent Tom Hunton to Bullock place to get Bettelyoun to haul the hay at once. Wrote to Mrs. S. F. Hall, sending her \$20 to pay tax on land.

"Mon, Aug 23—Bordeaux. Working on hay press. Tom returned from Bullock place. Bettelyoun will haul hay. VanTassell passed north. Mr. Hanna here and left horse in pasture. Hunter's Govt. train passed. Left them have hay on N. 1880 69

Kipp's acct. Heavy rain towards Laramie River. Little rain here."

The VanTassell who passed north through Bordeaux that August day in 1880 was R. S. VanTassell who operated a lumber yard in Cheyenne during the late '60s when the Union Pacific railroad was under construction. Later he became one of the big cattlemen of the region. A ranching community northeast of Fort Laramie still bears the name Van Tassell.

"Tues, Aug 24—Bordeaux. Worked on pressall day. Finished cutting hay. Perry Organ here going to 4P ranch. Loaned him a mule and he left one of his here in pasture, sick. Heavy rain.

"Thurs, Aug 26—Bordeaux. Work on bridge & ditch. Cut colts. Dan Titus shoeing horses. Effinger, R. R. surveyor, camped here.

"Sat, Aug 28—Fort Laramie. Going to Little Moon. Dan Titus taking team with machine, etc. Started ranch hands to stacking hay.

"Sun, Aug 29—Little Moon. Arrived all right. Hardest rain here last night ever known. Tom Davis getting along slow with hay work.

"Mon, Aug 30—Little Moon. Dan Titus and Col. Bacon hauling poles to stay wire fence. Three machines running."

In case you are not familiar with the building of barbed wire fences, most ranchers cut down on the number of posts required to build a good fence by stapling one or more short poles to the strands of barbed wire between the posts, which discourages cattle from pushing the wires apart and climbing through the fence. These short poles, which are not set in the ground, are called "stays".

"Tues, Aug 31-Little Moon. Hauled poles & made and hung gate."

Now that John Hunton's break with Lallee, his French-Indian girl companion, appears to be irre-vocable if not entirely complete, there are signs that the forty year old pioneer is beginning to show an increasing interest in the social life of his own kind. Witness his entries of church going, escorting ladies to the theatre, circus attendance, longer hotel stays and, by no means least, his sudden new interest in the art of drinking wine. To judge by his August expenditures, once started he went for wine in a rather big way — but perhaps he had plenty of friends to help him.

During August, 1880, Mr. Hunton's recorded receipts were practically nil—\$1.90 from a man named Haynes and "F. Wolcott check \$8.30."

But his expenditures indicate that life was far from dull and include: T. Dyer (hotel bills) \$55, Hotel de Rustic (at Fort Laramie) \$3, incidentals \$58.75, circus \$2.20, beer & cigars \$20, pistol \$15, diamond pin \$30, brandy \$3.50, wine "etc" \$58, wine for "Little M." (presumably Little Moon) \$12.65, fish hooks etc. \$3.45, Craig & Gardner \$12.80, H. Hass \$211.65, drinks & melon \$1.50, C. Wright \$8.50, Mich Oxarnet \$40, E. J. Smith \$700, W. G. Bullock \$2000, cartridge shells \$1.75, Dan Titus \$5, expense on sycles \$2. A. B. Clarke \$1075 and S. F. Hall \$20.

#### SEPTEMBER, 1880

"Wed, Sept 1—Little Moon. Hauling poles and fixing stays for fence. Rode out in the Sand Hills. Saw antelope sign but no game. Large lot of hay on ground unraked. None stacked. Some spoiling for want of stacking. Killed some ducks and snipe.

"Sat, Sept 4—Little Moon. Hauling poles. Col. Bacon unwell. P & F building on lower part of their field. Tom Davis went to Fort Laramie to look for someone to stack hay. None stacked yet.

"P & F" in the above entry refers to Pratt & Ferris, one of the largest cow outfits in early Wyoming. A large map of the state, made by Frank and Fred Bond and published by George L. Holt in 1884 (when Wyoming Territory had but seven counties) "spots" the locations of the headquarters and ranges of the larger ranches. It shows Pratt & Ferris on the north side of the Platte River, starting a short distance below Fort Laramie and running to, and beyond, the Nebraska line, and also on Clear Creek north of Buffalo. in Johnson county.

In 1960 Mr. Wayland W. Magee, of Bennington, Nebraska, supplied some interesting background on his maternal grandfather, Col. James Harvey Pratt. and on his partner and brother-in-law, Cornelius Ferris. Col. Pratt had a freighting outfit working from Sidney, Nebraska, when it was the terminal of the Union Pacific Railroad, and also one from Sidney to the Black Hills during the gold rush. Mr. Ferris was related to Marshall Field, famous Chicago merchant, who organized the Wyoming Cattle Co. during territorial days, also using the Pratt & Ferris name, with Col. Pratt as manager. Mr. Ferris lived in Denver much of the time.

Col. Pratt was also post trader at Fort Randall on the Missouri River in Dakota Territory for a time. An old stone church is said to be all that remains to mark the location of that post.

Mr. Magee still had in his possession an original stock certificate of the famed Cheyenne Club, which was issued to his grandfather. For the story of why Col. Pratt called members of that club "Herefords", see pages 175-6. Vol. 3.

Following are excerpts from a letter, also written in 1960, by Mr. Ed C. Brown, of Huntley, Montana, who worked on the Pratt & Ferris U-Cross Ranch in Johnson county during the '90s:

"Their range ran down stream from the Big Red Ranch at the mouth of Piney, across east to Powder River, then north across Clear Creek to near the state line.

"The OW Ranch was located on Tongue River northeast of Sheridan and was run by the late Senator John B. Kendrick, who later bought the spread. Their range joined the U-Cross on the north and for the most part the divide between the headwaters of the tributaries of the Tongue River and Clear Creek was the line. The U-Cross and the OW pooled together more or less and each had "reps" with the other's wagons.

"Pratt & Ferris had a large pasture of deeded land at Whittemire Springs, surrounded by a four-wire fence. This did not meet the approval of the smaller cattlemen in the area and at one time, apparently with long handled bolt clippers. they rode around the pasture and clipped all four wires between the posts. This made no small job of splicing wire.

"Their range boundary ran along this divide and swung back to Clear Creek to the mouth of Piney. They had a large pasture on the north side of Clear Creek, just below Piney, where they kept the bulls during winter and until they were turned out on the range about the first of July. In back of this pasture on the head of Coal Creek was another pasture where the herd of roundup saddle horses was wintered until needed for the spring roundup which started about May 20.

"About 6,000 tons of hay were put up each season and fed to about 4,000 head during the winter—such as cows with late calves and anything that really needed feed. By the first of February, if the weather looked good, some of these were thrown back on the range and perhaps others brought in.

"Wm. Southers was resident manager in 1886. He was followed by John Winterling, a previous manager, in the fall of '98. The Winterlings lived in Sheridan so the children could go to school, but spent their vacation on the ranch.

"The winter of '98-'99 was a hard one, although it did not start as early as the winter of '86-'87 it lasted way up into April. It struck about January 20 with snow and blizzards most of the time. Our thermometer at the ranch only registered to 40 below zero and it was 'froze up' for two weeks in February. Mrs. Winterling claimed it got down to 70 degrees below one night in Sheridan.

There were lots of dead cattle on the range in the spring and the fields where we fed were covered with carcasses. These we pulled down to Clear Creek and when the ice went out they all went down the river.

"Those days I spent in Wyoming and around Buffalo and the Big Horn Mountains as a young man meant a lot to me....I look back to the experiences I had with a lot of pleasure, although it was not all pleasure at the time."

"Sun, Sept 5—Fort Laramie. Come here today enroute to Bordeaux. Tom Davis says he cannot get anyone to stack hav.

"Mon, Sept 6—Bordeaux. Brought Dr. Bock up with me to cut Sam Groves' colt. Cut it and Harrison's. Two hay stacks finished. Guthrie passing to Chevenne with beef.

"Tues, Sept 7—Fort Laramie. Come by F. M. Phillips. Dined there. Give Mrs. P. (the former opera singer Phillips wooed and won in Chicago) Miss Berry's 'photo'. Sent George to Little Moon with mules and Dan's wagon. Sent Stebbins Post & Co. Phillips note. M. E. Post here and bought herd sheep.

"Wed, Sept 8—Little Moon. Got here today. No hay stacked. Tom Davis gone to Fort Laramie with Arbuckle.

"Thurs, Sept 9—Little Moon. Stacking hay with my own outfit—Dan Titus, George and the Col. (Bacon). Killed some ducks.

"Fri, Sept 10-Little Moon. Stacking hay. Tom Davis commenced stacking with one team, two men. Arbuckle here last night. "Sat, Sept 11—Fort Laramie. Come here today from Little Moon. Killed lots of ducks this morning & give them to Collins and the officers. Very heavy wind last night, cool all day.

"Sun, Sept 12—Bordeaux. Got here at noon. Nearly done stacking hay. Everything all right. Wrote to Mr. W. G. Bullock.

"Mon, Sept 13—Cheyenne. Come from Bordeaux in buggy. Skew Johnson with me. Drove Bill & Brigham. Got here 7:20.

"Tues, Sept 14—Rock Creek. Wrote Gen.
J. L. Kemper. Wrote A. B. Clarke from Cheyenne. Bull train here, not loaded yet. E. Nagle
& others shipping cattle from here. Give Nagle
order on Stage Co. for \$227.50 for 13 tons hay.

"Wed, Sept 15—Rock Creek. Train loaded and started. Maj. Powell here going East.

"Thurs, Sept 16—Fort Fetterman, Arrived on coach 7:20 P.M. Malcolm Campbell unwell. Wood coming in slowly, Maj. Hart passed the Fort McKinney. Maj. DeBussy come in from hunt. L. Carter here turning over cattle to Patrick.

"Sat, Sept 18—Fort Fetterman. Doing nothing. Patrick, Carter and Keogh went upriver to receive cattle. Heavy hail storm.

"Mon, Sept 20—Box Elder. Train in at Fort Fetterman and unloaded. Hired horse of Slaymaker and come here.

"Tues, Sept 21-Fort Fetterman. Set tire for

Malcolm Campbell at Box Elder this A. M. Cut five horses for Williams & Smith. Come to Fetterman. Train went to wood camp at blacksmith shop.

"Wed, Sept 22—Fort Fetterman. Bargained to sell Bob Waln 3 7-yoke teams for \$1000 each. Dave Lord arrived with freight.

"Thurs, Sept 23—Fort Fetterman. Doing nothing. Waln went to hunt up work oxen. Lord went on to Fort McKinney.

"Fri, Sept 24—Fort Fetterman. Straightened accounts with Nichols. Paymaster returning. Wood train in and out.

"Sat, Sept 25—Fort Laramie. Come from Fetterman today on buck board. Tom Hunton here with bugg & team. Letters from Mr. W. G. Bullock, Gen. J. L. Kemper & others. Collins not hauling any of my hay yet. Wants to bele 100 tons

"Sun, Sept 26—Little Moon. Collins come here with me today. Says he is satisfied with condition of hay and will stack if it's not all hauled or baled by 20th. Killed some ducks. Dan Titus got nica lot of posts.

"Mon, Sept 27—Little Moon. Started twe teams hauling wood from Klows. Went duck hunting with Collins & the Col. Tom Davis started to Cheyenne, his men stacking hay.

"Tues, Sept 28—Fort Laramie. Collins and I came up from Little Moon today. Collins talks all right about the hay but is too slow as I don't see how he is to get it in as no teams are

hauling. Told him it must be hauled or baled by the 20th of October. 'Rusty' (Rustic Hotel) landlord not hauling. Dined with Collins.

"Wed, Sept 29—Bordeaux. Got here today. Everything all right. Men baling hay. Tom Matthews at work here. Hi Kelly & Ashenfelter passed going home. Collins passed going to Cheyenne. Stoddard & Garth passed. Pratt passed north on coach.

"Thurs, Sept 30—Bordeaux. Wrote to S. F. Hall and his wife telling them to repair porch and house and to have all painted, not to sell any wood, to sow grain. Only to hold good for this crop. Killed some ducks. Fixed Mr. W. G. Bullock's box to send to him."

John Hunton's only recorded receipts for September, 1880, were: \$63 from Tom Hunton, \$635 from Stebbins Post & Co. and \$9.50 from J. O. Ward.

His listed expenditures included: Dr. Bock \$20, paper and wads for cartridges \$1.75, Collins \$8.70, beer & cigars \$13.75, meals \$3.50, incidentals \$9.50, boots \$7, hotel \$2, Freund \$78, postage \$1.10, stage fare \$15 (on the 15th from Rock Creek to Fort Fetterman) and \$10 (the 25th from Fort Fetterman to Fort Laramie on the buckboard), D. K. Lord \$50, George \$105, Tom Carpenter \$10, M. Campbell \$50, E. R. Nichols \$1300, Bob Wall \$40, shoeing Blucher \$2, cards \$9 and Tom Davis \$100.

The "Freund" above to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$78 (possibly for that new Winchester rifle he picked up at Fort Laramie August 19) was one of the Freund Brothers, well known early day gunsmiths with shops in both Denver and Cheyenne. In Volume 1 of this journal, page 19, Mr. Hunton is quoted as sending rifles in need of repair to "Friend" instead of Freund. This item caught the attention of Mr. Manville Kendrick of Sheridan, Wyoming, who kindly sent the following information about the Freund Brothers and their work:

"I have heard (though do not vouch for) a rumor that in addition to gunsmithing they did cabinet work and possibly undertaking for Senator Warren's general merchandise store. They also bought Sharp's actions and barrels from the company, honed, engraved and mounted the actions, at least on occasion, in very nice stocks."

Mr. Kendrick, a life-long gun fancier and collector, has one of the Freund improved Sharp's that is almost a presentation rifle. It has engraved action, ebony ramrod in loops under the barrel, a finely checkered fore-end and a stock with fancy metal scroll butt-plates. Engraved on the tang in addition to other writing are these words, "Freund & B., Cheyenne, W. T." The dates 1876 and 1877 are stamped on the octagon barrel. The whole rifle is in excellent condition.

And in the back of his 1880 journal Hunton entered this memorandum:

"Wed, Sept 5th—Bet Herbert Thayer \$50 suit of clothes that Garfield will not be elected president of the U. S. Ditto with G. D. Thayer"

Some time later he scrawled over this memorandum with a heavy hand, "LOST & PAID".

#### OCTOBER, 1880

"Fri, Oct 1-Bordeaux. Rode about the place. Men killed beef. Moved press, etc. Baling.

"Sat, Oct 2—Fort Laramie. Come here today. Lt. Seton told me more hay would be wanted. Wrote Chief Q. M. would furnish 250 tons at \$24.50 ton, also 100 tons Chug hay for \$28.50 ton. Posey Ryan's two teams gone to Little Moon to load hay for Collins.

"Sun, Oct 3—Little Moon. All hay stacked except what Collins and Rustic Hotel are to get. Five teams loaded about 12 tons last week, which is very slow hauling. Will annul my bargain with Collins if he does not have all the hay hauled by time agreed upon. Tom Davis not returned from Cheyenne. Dan Titus got lot nice wood.

"Mon, Oct 4—Little Moon. Hauling wood. Killed some ducks. Davis returned from Cheyenne, brought stove, canned fruit, etc. for me. No teams loading today. Am disgusted at Collins' tardiness in hauling hay.

"Tues, Oct 5—Little Moon. Hauling wood. Tom Davis & party went to Running Water for hay press. Posey Ryan's and Newcomb's teams arrived to get hay.

"Wed, Oct 6—Little Moon. Dan Titus and George started to Chug with teams, took one machine and rake. 4 teams loading hay. Killed some ducks.

"Thurs, Oct 7-Fort Laramie, Come up from

Little Moon today. Collins' hay getting in bad condition, wind blowing the cocks to pieces and drying out fast. Only Posey Ryan's two teams hauling. Offered Kay 200 tons hay at 16\$ and 20\$ per ton conditionally. Quite windy.

"Fri, Oct 8—Bordeaux. Arrived at noon. Baling going all right. Dan Titus & George got here yesterday and shoeing horses today.

"Sat, Oct 9—Bordeaux. Made some repairs on press. Shoeing horses. Col. Bacon come from Little Moon. Tom Haynes and others stopping here tonight.

"Mon, Oct 11—Bordeaux. Baling hay. Making some repairs for press. Wrote to Malcolm Campbell & Dave Lord. Col. Bacon went to Little Moon. Osborn passed to Cheyenne. Much snowon ground, not cold but quite windy.

"Tues, Oct 12—Bordeaux. Baling hay and working in shop. Killed hog. Provines passed to Chevenne.

"Wed, Oct 13—Bordeaux. Baling hay, working in shop. Lt. Watts camped here tonight. Mrs. Guthrie here. Letter from Dave Lord from Crazy Woman (creek). Mr. Dicky passed to Chevenne.

"Fri, Oct 15—Bordeaux. Baling outfit started to Little Moon. Frank Browning, Ed Bryant, Dan Titus with team. I went to Fort Laramie. Stormy, cold.

"Sat, Oct 16—Fort Laramie. Here all day. Only one bid in for hay. Kay \$37.50. I think it too high & will not be let. I did not bid as the Collins outfit offered me \$20 if I would let them bid without my opposition and if they got the contract. Little stormy, cold & snow.

"Sun, Oct 17—Little Moon. Arrived about 4 P. M., outfit here before me. Tom Davis not baling yet. Much of the hay in cocks blown away and wasted. Many ducks flying but few on slough. Stormy all day, wind and snow.

"Mon, Oct 18—Little Moon. Set press and made 7 bales before noon. Everything worked well. Tom Davis setting his press.

"Tues, Oct 19—Little Moon. Baling hay. Davis made 13 bales. His press not working well. Hay in cocks very dry and brittle, very light and much of it blown away. Killed 23 ducks. Saw a porcupine.

"Wed, Oct 20—Fort Laramie. Come here today. Nothing heard about hay contract yet. Dan Titus went to Bordeaux with team. If the word of the

"Thurs, Oct 21—Bordeaux. Arrived at noon. Dan Titus arrived. Letter from Charly Wild wanting ox teams to come down, would take them from here. Letter from Dave Lord that he had gone to Rock Creek to load for Conrad at 2 cents pound. Wrote to Malcolm Campbell to arrange with Bob Waln to winter cattle.

"Fri, Oct 22—Cheyenne. Come in on coach. Luke Voorhees and Mrs. Orr along. Telegraphed Q. M. for Z. Thomason about kay. No answer. "Sat, Oct 23—Cheyenne. Doing nothing all day. Q. M. Ludington telegraphed Zack Thomason he would let him know Monday about hay bid. Wrote to Malcolm Campbell, Ward, L. P. Justy & John Boyd to work for M. E. Post. (In the upcoming election no doubt).

"Sun, Oct 24—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Dan Titus arrived. Saw Ferris and had talk about Little Moon.

"Mon, Oct 25—Cheyenne. Telegram from Q. M. Ludington to Zack Thomason, bid on hay not accepted. Dan Titus loaded. Telegraphed to Chief Q. M. would deliver 200 tons hay for \$20 on ground or \$29 in Fort Laramie.

"Wed, Oct 27—Cheyenne. Telegram from Ludington to, "See Maj. Lord and close bargain". Saw Maj. Lord and he was authorized to pay only ten dollars on the ground, which was caused by error of telegraph operator.

"Thurs, Oct 28—On U. P. train. Saw Major Lord this morning and find he is not authorized to pay more than \$25 per ton for hay. Started to Omaha. H. B. Kelly arrived in Cheyenne.

"Fri, Oct 29—Omaha. Arrived today. Saw Maj. Ludington but did not sell hay. Telegraphed Hi Kelly to give answer.

"Sat, Oct. 30—On U. P. train. Went to Fort Omaha and bargained to deliver 200 tons hay at Fort Laramie for \$25 per ton, and started west.

"Sun, Oct 31—Rock Creek. Arrived here tonight. Bull train just loaded and pulled out. Sold 6 teams to Charly Wild, and instructed

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Dave Lord what to do. Had talk with M. E. Post about election etc."

During October, 1880, John Hunton recorded the following receipts: F. M. Phillips \$2102.62 (presumably payment of a \$2000 loan made May 7, with interest), Little Moon hogs \$10, wood contract \$3256 and Tom Haynes \$15.

His listed expenditures included: Tom Davis \$52.60. M. Campbell \$270, George Boswell \$100.50, Miss B. W. Jones \$100, Gen. Dodge \$43, Stebbins Post & Co. \$2102.62 and \$3256, taxes \$361.17, Dan Titus \$36, watch & chain \$250, E. Nagle \$200, Smith & Harrington \$150, Draper & Hammond \$300, incidentals \$61, fixing guns \$2.50, Hotel Dyers \$12, expense to Omaha \$17.25, D. K. Lord \$15 and "Negro Jim" \$7.

The "Gen. Dodge" to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$43 on October 13, 1880, was Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, engineer who built the Union Pacific Railroad. After looking over the lay of the land Gen. Dodge located the division point on Crow Creek and called it Cheyenne. Simultaneously, in accordance with instructions, Gen. C. C. Auger established a new military post adjoining the division point. It became Fort D. A. Russell, now the Warren air base.

Came the 4th of July and Gen. John A. Rawlins made a patriotic speech at the new post which is said to have so impressed Gen. Dodge that he named another new town site on the route of the U. P. after the orator—which is how Rawlins, Wyoming got its name.

While they were setting up Fort Russell, or

Camp Carlin as it was originally known, a band of Indians came swooping down Crow Creek and attacked a Morman grading outfit coming in from Salt Lake to work on the railroad. Two men of the party were killed before soldiers came galloping to the rescue. Those two unfortunates were the first to be buried in Cheyenne's brand new cemetery.

The rails reached Cheyenne on November 13, 1867 and within a few months the little frontier tent settlement and construction camp mushroomed into a city of some three thousand dwellings and business establishments. In September of that year N. A. Baker came from Colorado to start the Cheyenne Leader, pioneer newspaper of the area.

Thus Wyoming's capital city was born, and Gen. Dodge seems to have well played the part assigned him in that page of history—which is all any man can do in his brief mortal span.

#### NOVEMBER, 1880

"Mon, Nov 1—Cheyenne. Arrived from Rock Creek today. Bought Tom Haynes' team for \$700—4 mules, wagon and harness. Paid him \$250 cash and am to pay \$150 more when hay is all delivered. bal. to apply on ox teams.

"Tues, Nov 2.—Bordeaux. Come home on coach. Voted at Hi Kelly's. Swan seems to be getting large majority of votes cast. No one working for M. E. Post. All hands went from Ranch to polls but the cook. Nice day.

"Wed, Nov 3-Bordeaux, Doing nothing but waiting for election returns, Garfield elected.

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(See memorandum following September 30th entry.) Branson and others returned to Cheyenne. Some snow and rain.

"Thurs, Nov 4—Bordeaux. Election returns not all in. Contest close between Post & Swan.

"Sat, Nov 6—Bordeaux, Kelly staid here last night. E. W. Whitcomb, Guitterman and Ellis Schooler dined here going to Cheyenne. Stimpson & Hibbard here tonight going to Deadwood. Papers state F. M. Phillips arrived in Cheyenne."

The "Hibbard" mentioned above was W. H. Hibbard, who built the first telegraph line from Chevenne to the Black Hills during the summer of 1876, and was manager of the Chevenne and Black Hills Telegraph Company. It was a hazardous job. The country was swarming with Indians mad as hornets at the white man's invasion of their treasured hunting grounds. But the poles went up and the wires were strung. By September you could send a telegram from Hat Creek stage station to Chevenne and the line was completed to Custer City October 19. But no telegrams were actually sent from that gold rush capital until several weeks later, as the Indians were almost as busy tearing down stretches of the new line as the white men were building and repairing it-and service remained intermittent and uncertain until the tribesmen were confined to reservations.

To help finance construction of the line Mr. Hibbard sold "scrip" to business men and citizens in both Cheyenne and the "Hills", which the company accepted in payment for telegraph service when the line was completed. Agnes Wright Spring in her "Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Routes" reproduces a page of this scrip—a certificate bearing the purchaser's name with 25 coupons attached, each good for fifty cents worth of telegraphing.

"Mon, Nov 8 —Fort Laramie. Come here today going to Little Moon. Stimpson & Hibbard come also, going to Deadwood. Pay day at the Fort. Snowed and rained nearly all day.

"Tues, Nov 9—Little Moon. Got here 3 P. M. Hay baling going on slow on account of Frank having been laid up with boils for several days. Tom Davis and Cook getting hay off island to bale. They baled one stack of 410 bales. Killed 6 mallards. Tom Snow & men started on calf roundup."

Little Moon is the name of a lake along the Platte, near the Wyoming-Nebraska line, some thirty miles east of Fort Lamamie. The place is quite well known as a resort and duck hunters' paradise. And that island from which Tom Davis and Mr. Cook hauled hay to the baler in 1880 is still there. too.

"Wed, Nov 10—Little Moon. Killed 8 jack snipe. Hay baling going on all right. Set some beaver traps. The Burger Brothers trapping below here on the Platte.

"Fri, Nov 12—Fort Laramie. Arrived here today from Little Moon. Cook & Davis bargained to bale and haul the stack of hay in corral for \$12 per ton. Dave Lord train snowed in and cattle lost.

"Sat, Nov 13—Bordeaux. Arrived today. Everything all right, J. A. Ford rode down with me. Luke Voorhees and his cow men come down on coach. Quite cold all day.

"Sun, Nov 14—Bordeaux. Sold several tons hay. Parker's train passed to Laramie. Turner sick.

"Mon, Nov 15—Bordeaux. Johnny Gordon & family here last night. Bettelyoun & Hill passed to Laramie. Turner unable to work. Some snow this P. M.

"Tues, Nov 16—Bordeaux. Worked in shop all day. Turner still sick. 8 P. M. thermometer 8 below 0. Snowed last night and today.

"Wed, Nov 17—Bordeaux, Fixing trail tongue etc. Some teams passing. Took hay to Parker's train at Johnny Owens' place. Thermometer went to 14 below last night. Some snow.

"Fri, Nov 19—Bordeaux. Worked little in shop. Some teams passing. McCreary and friend here tonight and arranged to pasture horses. Mac says there is lot of snow all over the Fetterman country. George Searight here tonight.

"Sat, Nov 20—Bordeaux. Fixed hay racks etc. George Drake come. S. Hovey here tonight. Mr. Kyger, one of Searight's foreman, here and knows many people in Valley of Va. that I do.

"Sun, Nov 21—Bordeaux. George Drake went to Cheyenne. Tom & Campbell come. Train will have to be abandoned and cattle taken to feed until snow goes off. Snowed last night. "Mon, Nov 22—Bordeaux. Settled up with Malcolm Campbell and let him have \$50 to send for his wife, which leaves him owing me \$108.04. Bob Searight and men here tonight.

"Tues, Nov 23—Bordeaux. Worked some in shors and hauled some hay to ranch. Maj. Towar and Col. Wm. B. Royal here tonight. Crew of Searight's cow men here.

"Wed, Nov 24—Bard's Ranch. Fixed rack this morning and got all ready to start to Little Moon. Telegram came from George Drake that Charly Wild could not haul hay. Started to Cheyenne to hire teams. Arrived here 7 P. M. Roads heavy. Snowed all last night, Cold.

"Thurs, Nov 25—Cheyenne. Arrived 1 P. M. Roads heavy. Hi Kelly come from Denver. Telegraphed Wild to let me know at once if he could haul hay. Had not heard from him at 11 P. M.

"Fri, Nov 26—Cheyenne. No word from Wild. Telegram from Tom Hunton that Possy Ryan would take 6-mule team at \$1100 and haul 50 tons hay. Telegraphed Ryan he could have team. Bought hay bottom opposite Little Moon of P. W. Paddleford for \$400.

"Sat, Nov 27—Cheyenne. Sold Little Moon to Pratt & Ferris for \$5000, \$2500 cash, \$2500 Cocker 1st, 12 pct. interest. Bargained with Means to haul 60 or more tons hay. Wild come, could not let him have any hay to haul. Rather better day than any for some time.

"Sun, Nov 28-Bard's Ranch. Left Chey-

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enne this morning, got here 4 P. M. Nice day.

"Mon, Nov 29—Bordeaux. Arrived here 4 P. M. Both my horses got the 'Episoo'. Bargained with R. Reymeyer to haul 20 tons hay. Bargained with Joe Ocheletto to put in 300 cords wood at Fort Fetterman at \$8.00 cord.

"Tues, Nov 30—Bordeaux. Here all day straightening accounts. Wrote and sent Nichols \$800. Wrote J. W. Dunn check to bal. acct. Wrote Robt. Speed & Co. check to bal. acct. Letter from Mrs. Hall and answd. Carey's cattle outfit here last night. Tremendous wind all day."

Mr. Hunton's recorded receipts for November, 1880 were: J. S. Collins \$100, Pratt & Ferris (payment on Little Moon) \$2500 and Stebbins Post & Co. \$400.

His listed expenditures included: incidentals \$61, stage fare (from Cheyenne to Bordeaux) \$8.50, hotel at Cheyenne \$1, E. R. Nichols \$300, Tom Hunton Ex. \$800, drinks & cigars \$10, Cook & Davis \$300, Malcolm Campbell \$50.50, dinner & horse feed \$1.50, Bard's ranch \$4.50, oysters \$1.50, G. R. Thomas \$400 and \$1.50 behins Post & Co. \$2500.

### DECEMBER, 1880

"Wed, Dec 1—Fort Laramie. Come here today. Bargained with Posey Ryan to take mule team at \$1100, to haul 60 tons hay at \$9.00 per ton and move wagons with machine fixings as far as Laramie.

"Thurs, Dec 2-Fort Laramie. Stopping

here waiting for Government sale of horses, mules, etc. Skew Johnson, Dan Fitzgerald and Capt. Woodson come in from hunt. Dan killed his first game. Capt. Hays & Bubb (or Budd) went on hunt.

"Fri, Dec 3—Fort Laramie. Here all day. Bought hay press, hay scales and four horses at Govt. sale. Traded mule to Posey Ryan for horse.

"Sat, Dec 4—Little Moon. Arrived 2 P. M. Very nearly done baling. Everything seems to be running all right.

"Mon, Dec 6—Little Moon. Finished baling and fixed press to take to Bordeaux. Callahan, O'Brien & Burbank loaded. Posey Ryan teams come down but did not get across river.

"Tues, Dec 7—Little Moon. Butchering pigs. Ryan loaded hay for Collins. Paid off baling party. Preparing to go to Bordeaux."

The "Collins" for whom Posey Ryan was hauling hapfrom Little Moon, was either J. S. Collins, post trader at Fort Laramie from 1872 to 1877, or his brother G. H. Collins, who held the appointment from 1877 to 1882. (See page 69, Vol. 1; Page 50, Vol. 2 and other passing references, Old newspaper stories from the files of Russell Thorp, Jr., of Cheyenne, give these further details on John S. Collins' long and energetic business career:

The Cheyenne Daily Leader of March 8, 1876, announced that, "Mr. J. S. Collins, post trader at Fort Laramie, has completed bis new hotel, The Rustic House, and the furniture is now on the road

between Omaha and Fort Laramie. The house will soon be opened to the public, and if managed as well as Mr. Collins' many other enterprises are, will soon achieve great popularity and large patronage."

In a follow-up story March 22, 1876, the Leader adds: "Mr. Collins has just opened to the public, under the management of J. H. C. Brown, the 'Rustic Hotel' at Fort Laramie....furnished from cellar to garret new throughout...the manager will accommodate all with clean beds and first class meals. A large corral and stabling room are attached to the hotel, with corn, oats and hay for sale. The Rustic is the headquarters of the Great Black Hills Stage Line. The Red Cloud, Camp Robinson and Spotted Tail mail stages also leave this point, crossing the Platte River over the new iron bridge built by the government."

After his term as post trader Mr. Collins established J. S. Collins & Company, later the Collins & Morrison Saddle and Harness Shop, in Cheyenne. Their special Connord harness jobs for the Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage and Express Line have been described as the finest in the west, and Collins' hand made saddles were famous throughout the area.

"Wed, Dec 8—Fort Laramie. Turned mule team over to Ryan, he loaded two teams with my hay. Frank started to Chug with press. Give Dan Titus all necessary instructions about hay and fencing & come here.

"Thurs, Dec 9—Fort Laramie. Took up the hay scales I bought of government and fixed press ready to move. Frank got here with press. "Fri, Dec 10—Fort Laramie. Frank went home with press. Ryan in and unloaded. Hank Montague taking trail wagon to Little Moon to haul hay. Sent buggy home by George Mayhower.

"Sat, Dec 11-Bordeaux. Come today on coach.

"Sun, Dec 12—Bordeaux. Preparing to go East. Give Malcolm Campbell and Frank all necessary instructions."

Mr. Hunton did not know it, of course, but that trip east on which he was about to embark proved to be a fateful journey, altering the entire course of his future life. Had John Hunton been able to look down the long corridor of the years ahead would he have taken that trip? Or would he have preferred, instead, to continue his relatively simple and peaceful frontier way of life at Bordeaux? Naturally those are questions which cannot now be answered. They merely serve to point up once again the far reaching consequences which sometimes follow the most innocent decision or natural action. We never know about those things, and perhaps that is best. It keeps life interesting, at least.

"Mon, Dec 13—Bard's Ranch. Left home this morning. Tom Hunton with me.

"Tues, Dec 14—Cheyenne. Arrived here at noon. Made all arrangements to go to Virginia.

"Wed, Dec 15—On U. P. train. Tom and I started to Va. I have \$2200 with me. Bronson on train. Lt. Webster & bride, nee Miss Lamb, on train. 12M accident policy for \$6000 taken out

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and left with Stebbins Post & Co. Receipt for life insurance of \$10,000 policy left same place.

"Thurs, Dec 16—On Rock Island R. R. Saw Frank Kelley, Sherman Enoch and others in Council Bluffs.

"Fri, Dec 17—Palmer House, Chicago. Arrived today over the Rock Island road. Saw A. H. & Tom Swan and W. A. Paxton. Went to Hooleys Theatre.

"Sat, Dec 18—Chicago. Here all day. Bought 1-16th interest in Wheeler Tunnel and Mining Co. near Central City, Colo., from E. Tillotson for \$228. Saw the Misses Mary & Fannie Flint and Lt. Drew.

"Sun, Dec 19—Went to see Marie Rose last night in Carmen. 3:30 started to New York. Bronson with us., via Mich. Cen., Grt. Wes. & N. Y. Cen. R. R.'s.

"Mon, Dec 20—N. Y., Hoffman House. Arrived at 11 P. M. Our car jumped the track this morning at Rochester, no damage done.

"Tues, Dec 21—N. Y. At hotel all day. Went to theatre to see Barrett in 'Yorick's Love'. Snowing nearly all day.

"Wed, Dec 22-N. Y. Traveling over the city all day with Bronson, visiting places of interest. Went to theatre to see 'Hazel Kirk'.

"Thurs, Dec 23—Baltimore. Left N. Y. 10:30 A. M., arrived here 3:30 P. M. Stoped at Barnums Hotel. McCreary & Frank Hamilton called on me. "Fri, Dec 24—Baltimore. Looking about over the city. Bought Bbl. sugar molasses, sack coffee, lot of Queensware and things for sister & children. Dined with Mr. Hamilton. Snowing nearly all day.

"Sat, Dec 25—Madison C. H., Va. (the 'C. H.' meaning court house or county seat.) Arrived tonight on coach. Rough roads. Everybody well.

"Sun, Dec 26—At home. Father & Mother well. Old place looking very dilapidated. Snowing and cold.

"Mon, Dec 27-Madison C. H. Settled with Cave and paid him bal. due on land. Saw many old friends all looking rough and hard up. Dined with Wm. Cave. Cold. deep snow on ground.

"Tues, Dec 28—At home. Saw Ida Johnston and Buck Lacey's son here. Called on Gen. Kemper this morning who was very glad to see

"Wed, Dec 29—Madison C. H. Come up today. Met many old acquaintances. Called by to see Mrs. Carpenter and Johnstons family. Everything looking hard about the place. Cold and snowy.

"Thurs, Dec 30—Madison C. H.. Doing nothing all day. Negro Ed Guryman froze very badly last night. Dined with Dr. Taylor. Clear, deep snow, very cold.

"Fri, Dec 31—Madison C. H. Here all day doing nothing. Everything too dull to make note of. Quite cold and disagreeable." 1880

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Mr. Hunton's recorded receipts for December, 1880 were: bar (at Bordeaux) \$100, Stebbins Post & Co. \$1373, 1st. National Bank of Omaha \$1800 and Quartermaster for coal \$360.

From his listed expenditures one can follow that leisurely journey, with stopovers enroute, from Cheyenne back to John and Tom Hunton's home in Madison, Virginia. They include: E. R. Nichols \$800, J. W. Dunn \$28.63, Robert Speed & Co. \$26.38, horses \$163, hay press \$125, hay scales \$10 (see December 3 entry concerning the three preceding items), Rustic Hotel for hay \$30, drinks & cigars \$6.50, bolts for press \$3. 3 sets horse shoes \$3, Bill Davis \$53.13, Ed Bryan \$65.15, Geo. Maybauer \$140.68, Dan Titus \$50. Cook & Davis \$111.50, Rustic Hotel \$1, H. B. Kelly \$500, life insurance \$331.70 and \$9, incidentals in Cheyenne \$200, Stebbins Post & Co. \$360 and Lawyer W. Corlett \$50.

His day by day traveling expenses were: December 16 sleeper \$8 and meals \$1.50, 17th sleeper \$6, 18th theatre \$2 and incidentals \$10, whiskey & cigars \$1.50; 19th wine etc \$22, drinks \$2.50, hotel \$16, 2 tickets to N. Y. \$40, 2 sleepers \$10, tips \$1 and bus \$1; 20th meals \$1.50, buss \$2.25; 21st theatre \$4.50, incidentals \$15; 22nd (in a very shaky hand all expenses today \$50; 23rd hotel \$22.50, R. R. to Baltimore \$17; 24th (Christmas shopping in Baltimore) groceries \$74.16, crockery \$87 and dry good \$142.40; 25th hotel bill \$22.50, R. R. \$12 and stage \$55.50.

His last recorded expenditures for 1880 were on December 27; W. J. Cave \$840 and sundries \$5.50.

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#### JANUARY, 1881:

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Sees Girl on Street—Calls Her His Destiny—
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Was One.

Finds State of Delapidation in His Virginia Homeland. Meets Miss Blanche Taylor at Hop in the Old

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Old Homes and Old Memories Still Linger in Madison, Virginia.

The Hunton Hotel an Ancient Landmark.

A Dinner Party at General J. L. Kemper's.

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A Coward With the Ladies—Too Bashful to Ask
Blanche for Date.

Forty Five Acres of Hunton Virginia Land Bring \$262.

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#### FEBRUARY, 1881:

Escorts The Misses Kemper and Young to Dance—Wishes It Could Have Been Blanche Instead.

Feels Like Giving His Rival a Dynamite Pill.

A Date at Last-Has Trouble Talking-Heart

Gets In His Mouth.

Young Ladies Put On a "Snide" Show-But Blanche Magnificent as The Goddess of Liberty.

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Once Started Makes Fast Progress-Proposes and Is Accepted.

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### MARCH 1881:

Blanche Breaks Engagement to Mr. Smoot-But It Wasn't Easy.

Does Not Tell Blanche About Lallee-Fears She Would Discard Him With Scorn.

Small Town Gossips Get In Their Licks.

Asks Dr. Taylor for His Daughter's Hand-The Doctor Says No.

Blanche Promises to Wait. But He Doubts It.

Starts Back to Wyoming-Brideless and Sad. Sees Fanny Davenport in "Frou Frou"-Too

Lovesick to Enjoy It. Resolves Not to Think So Much About Blanche

-Silly Boy! Union Pacific Railroad Washed Out Near Fre-

mont-Takes B. & M. Via Lincoln. The Oelrich Brothers Lived High, Wide and

Handsome on the Range. Lovers Correspond Daily-Exchange Photos.

Frank Browning Gets Summer Job at \$40 per Month.

Reads "A Mad Marriage"—Makes Him Think of Blanche.

Authorizes Gen. J. L. Kemper to Buy Dr. Reeves' Farm for \$10,000.

A \$75 Diamond Ring for Blanche.

### APRIL, 1881:

George Boswell Starts Cooking at Bordeaux.

Attends Meeting of Stockmen in Cheyenne. Buys McCreary's Mule Team—Sells It to Hun-

ter & Bergman for \$833. Clay & Hunton Low Bidders on Freight Contract. Sells Little Bat Garnier Three Horses, Harness

and Wagon.
Rustic Hotel at Fort Laramie Buys Load of Hay.

Detailed Bids on Hay, Wood and Coal for Forts Fetterman and Laramie. Williams & Smith Delinquent on Box Elder

Ranch Notes.

Planning to Build House for Blanche at Bor-

deaux.

Building Fence Around Platte Meadows.

John W. Ford was Stage Agent, Telegraph Operator and U. S. Commissioner at Ft. Laramie. Menea's Saddle & Harness Shop Was a Cheyenne Institution.

#### MAY, 1881:

Shopping for Mares at the TY-Quality Good, But Priced Too High.

Blanche Invites Him to Rendezvous in Washington, D. C.

Takes Along \$1000 for Expenses—Hopes to Bring Her Back, But Has Misgivings.

Orders Lumber for New House—Jake to Make Window Frames for \$5 Each, Door Frames for \$3.50.

Pays Guide \$2.50 to Show Him the Sights in Washington While Waiting.

Blanche Arrives One Day Late—He Has a Feeling Something is Wrong.

Lovers Fail to Reach Understanding—Have Sad, Uncertain Parting.

Attends George Washington's Masonic Lodge in Alexandria, Virginia.

Feels Mighty Low Traveling Back to Wyoming— Doubts They Will Ever Marry.

Starts Foreclosure Proceedings Against Williams & Smith.

Colts Break from Pasture—One Badly Wire Cut.
Pratt & Ferris Finish Paying for Little Moon.

## JUNE, 1881:

Repossesses SO Herd and Other Box Elder Property from Williams & Smith.

Burning Lime to Build Honey Moon House at Bordeaux.

Glafcke Printed Wyoming's First Law Book— Some Public Officials of the Day.

Unsuccessful Prospecting at "Blue Stone".

Starts Construction on New House — Asks
Blanche to Let Him Come for Her in July.

Summary of Hunton's Business Operations at Bordeaux.

Hires Jim Monroe to Look After Things at

Box Elder Ranch.

G. D. MacDougall Remembers When Duncan Grant Courted Mary Reagan.

Buys Fifty Cords Wood from Fred Foy.

L. C. Bishop's First Job Was Herding Sheep for George Powell.

Skew Johnson Goes to Sweetwater for Cattle. Fixes Up Old Wagon for Little Bat Garnier to Use Hauling Wood.

Rough Going for Romance—Blanche Makes Him Jealous by Corresponding With That "Blackguard" in Baltimore.

Receives Word His Mother is Blind.

Clay & Hunton Plan Big Freighting Seasonbut Prospects Not Bright.

Lem Smith & Son Pay Up Smith & Williams Mortgage, Regain Box Elder Ranch.

Roundup Time—Offers Webster \$5 per Head for All "LD" Strays Returned to Pasture. Escorts Mrs. Charlton to Theatre—I. T. Raymond Starring in "Frish".

Cheyenne Club Bill for June \$144.25.

#### JULY, 1881:

President Garfield Assassinated—Oelrich Bros.
Bring News to Bordeaux—July 4th Celebration at Fort Laramie Called Off.

W. C. (Billy) Irvine as Remembered by Mrs. John B. Kendrick and Russell Thorp.

Drouth Settles Over the Land—Hay Help Hard to Find.

Lots of Lime Needed to Build that New House at Bordeaux. Hi Kelly and Hunton Do Some Price Fixing on Government Hay.

Crawford Drinking, Work on House Slows Down
—Crawford Sober, Work Speeds Up.

Many Lost Calves Have Been Named After Mr. Maverick.

Hail Storm Kills Colts and Calves—Flood Follows.

Tom Hunton Returns from Virginia.

Two Bar Ranch Was Scene of Much Wyoming History.

Big Celebration in Cheyenne—Sick in Bed Next Day—Has Tooth Pulled.

Rev. Cowhick Carried Bibles to the Black Hills. Blanche Sends Him a Tobacco Sack.

All Hands Busy Haying and House Building at Bordeaux.

A Three Way Land Deal with Kelly and Collins.

## AUGUST, 1881:

Mining Excitement at Fort Laramie—Copper Strikes at the "Green Mountain Boy" and "Sunrise" Claims.

Burning More Lime for New House at Bordeaux
—Jim Talbot Doing the Masonry Work.

Buys Ten Heifers and a Bull from Swan for \$375.

Two Loads of Hay for Eagles Nest.

SEPTEMBER, 1881:

Rehmeyer Takes Contract to Cut Platte Meadows Hay for \$2.50 per Ton.

Frank Browning Gets a Pay Boost to \$50 per Month.

Snow Storm at Bordeaux September 6.

Tom Hunton Sells Fort Fetterman Wood to George Powell.

W. P. Noble' Was Object of Search.

Grout Walls of Bordeaux House Completed— Plastering Starts—an Iron Roof for the Kitchen—Lets Contract for the Painting.

T. A. Kent, Heck Reel and F. M. Phillips Driving Beef to Pine Bluffs.

Mrs. F. M. Phillips Gives Hunton a Canary Bird. Off to Virginia to be Married.

W. G. Bullock Buys the Bride a Case of Fine Silver.

## OCTOBER, 1881;

Dr. Taylor and Family Withdraw Their Objections—Welcome Prospective Son-in-Law.

Blanche Taylor and John Hunton Married October 5.

Honeymooning in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Niagara Falls and Chicago.

## NOVEMBER, 1881:

General Crook and John S. Collins Call on the Newlyweds.

Doing Nothing in Cheyenne Gets Tiresome. Buys Furniture of Craig & Gardner—and a \$55

Sewing Machine.

Many Improvements Noted in Denver—Mile

High City Pleases Blanche.

McFarlane and McUlvane Sell Herd and Ranch
to E. Nagle.

Bridegroom Lets His Bookkeeping Slip.

#### DECEMBER, 1881:

Frank Browning Quits—Gets \$1150 Pay Check.

Moves from Inter-Ocean Hotel to Railroad
House—Rates \$4 a Day With Board.

Drives the Misses Maxwell, Mrs. Wallace and Blanche to Hi Kelly's in Carriage.

New Home Ready at Bordeaux—Busy Moving in Furniture.

Dick Mantel Paid \$100—Leaves for England. Introduces Arthur Clarke at the Cheyenne Club.

Some Last Minute Christmas Shopping. Starts New Year With Blanche Ill in Cheyenne. Readjustment Problems Facing Both of Them.

## Part Two 1881

### AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS ON THE FRONTIER

Following the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee many young Confederate veterans left their impoverished and war-torn home lands to seek a new chance at life in the new West. John Hunton of Madison. Virginia, was one of these.

Bull-whacking his way to Fort Laramie, mighty frontier bastion where the plains ended and the mountains began, Hunton secured work in the post sutler's store; took a beautiful French-Indian girl, Lallee, for companion, and established himself in the territory.

Within a few years, from small beginnings, he became one of the largest bull-train operators, military contractors, cattle men and road ranch proprietors in the region of the Laramie. That story has already been told.

Now, thirteen years have passed since John Hunton left his native Virginia. His life and circumstances are changing. The romance with Lallee has ended, leaving him restless and probably lonely, too. The great Indian wars of the "70s have broken the strength of the Sioux nation and the importance of the frontier military posts, which were the source of his farflung contracting business, is beginning to wane. The advancing railroads are steadily pushing further into the new land, spelling a gradual ending for those slow plodding bull trains and the dashing stage coach. 1881

An era of the frontier is passing, a new and even more fantastic one is beginning, although Hunton probably did not realize all this was taking place that December day of 1880 when he stuffed his pockets with more than \$2000 and started back to spend Christmas in his old home town of Madison, Virginia; stopping enroute at Baltimore to buy several hundred dollars worth of gifts—mostly food, dry goods and crockery—for his people and friends.

In Madison he finds dilapidation, hard times and everything dull. He is bored and homesick for the West until, one day, he passes a young lady on the street—a girl he had never seen before. The fates had decreed that these two were to climb considerable heights and also descend into deep shadows together. From that day on, things were no longer dull for the restless, middle aged Hunton.

How it all came about and turned out is best told in his own words, which follow:

## JANUARY, 1881

"Sat, Jan 1—Madison C. H. (for court house or county seat). Here all day. Dull times, Dined with Bob Sparks. Some parties putting up Ice. Cold and snowy.

"Sun, Jan 2—At home and getting homesick.

"Mon, Jan 3—Madison C. H. Come here today. Made a call at Dr. Jones. Met a lady on the street in company with Miss Hanigen (?) which made a great impression on me. Think it must be Miss Taylor. Snow melting, nice day. "Tues, Jan 4—Richmond. Left Madison this morning on coach. Miss Humphreys & Miss Jackson on coach. Arrived here 10 P. M. Cannot drive the impression from my mind made by meeting a lady on the street yesterday.

"Wed, Jan 5—Richmond. Mr. W. G. Bullock well. Dined at Dr. Hobson's. Everything looks dilapidated. Saw Col. Babbitt & wife.

"Fri, Jan 7—Richmond. Rode over the city visiting places of interest with Mr. Bullock & Dr. Cronch. Visited Hollywood Church Mill & other places.

"Sat, Jan 8—Richmond. Walked over much of the city. Everything looks dilapidated. Bought carpets and curtains. 9 P. M. snowing.

"Sun, Jan 9—Richmond. Remained in hotel all day thinking of the lady I saw in Madison. I feel as if she was to wield some strange influence over my destiny. Rained all night and all day. Heavy sleet.

"Mon, Jan 10—Richmond. Saw Mr. Bullock and sister this morning. Bid them good bye and started to Gordonsville on the C. & O.

"Tues, Jan 11—Waynesborough. Staid at Gordonsville last night. Met Miss Ida Weaver who came up on train with me to this place. Cars ran off track at Charlottsville, no harmdone. Saw Capt. Fry.

"Wed, Jan 12—Gordonsville. Spent last night and today with Dr. Jones. Come here. Am the guest of Frank Weaver. Much snow on ground. 1881 107

"Thurs, Jan 13—Madison, Arrived here today. Letters from Frank and others. Had a hop at the Old Temperance Hall. Tom unwell. Good sleighing. Was introduced to Miss Blanche Taylor the lady I met on the street, whom I think is my Destiny. Nice day.

"Fri, Jan 14—Madison. Here all day. Dined with Mr. Cave. Met my 'Destiny' but will have to make a hard struggle to resist it. Also met Miss Kemper. Spent vary pleasant afternoon.

Some years ago it was the writer's privilege to visit Madison, Virginia, and to talk with some of its patriarchs, to whom memories of the Civil War and reconstruction days were still green. Madison itself had apparently not changed much since those days. Its long main street winding through the Virginia foothills was lined with a number of old southern homes pre-dating the war between the states, some of them furnished throughout with priceless antiques.

The old brick court house, beautifully mellowed and weathered by the years, still served the people of Madison as it had for well over a century. General Kemper's mansion, where Hunton had such pleasant visits, still stood on a nearby hill—its doors and windows carefully boarded up.

On entering Madison the most prominent thing to be seen was a three story building with the sign, "Hunton Hotel". Miss Sarah F. Johnston, of Madison and Washington, D. C. supplied the following history of this ancient structure which has been a landmark in the area for more than a century and a half.



Court House, Madison, Virginia-Bullt in 1829

The original brick building was erected as a residence about 1799 by Alexander Hunton, John Hunton's grandfather. In it were born his son, Alexander B. Hunton and, in turn, his children—John, Sarah, Mary and Isaiah Hunton. It is understood to be the only house of comparable age in Madison that is still owned by the family which built it.

This original structure was made "like a cracker box", for utility rather than beauty. It had three rooms on each floor, bordered by a hallway, and was three stories high, built around a huge central chimmey. Six fire places, two on each floor, connected with this main chimmey. Another chimmey at the end of the building served three additional fire-places for the remaining rooms. The largest of them all was the main fireplace on the first floor for cooking. It still had the iron bar on which utensils were hung and swung over the flames.

The stairway from first to second floor was originally enclosed. The one running from the second to the third floor was paneled, with a long, curved railing made from a single piece of lumber. Through the years many changes have been made but the wide board floors, the plain fireplace mantles and some of the original doors and windows still remain.

About 1849 Alexander B. Hunton and his family moved from this house to live in the country and Ben Carpenter, a cousin of John Hunton's mother took over the place, added full length frame porches to the second and third floors, which hide the ancient brick work from a casual observer, and opened it to the public as Ben Carpenter's hotel early in 1850. When Mr. Carpenter died John Hunton's brother moved in and carried on the business. About 1880 or '61 John Hunton's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hall acquired it.

All in all, this ancient hostelry served the public 103 years, from 1850 until 1953. And now it is understood to be back where it started—a private home once more. And the gentle people of Madison, they too seem to live more in the past than do those of us in the newer, more bustling West. One venerable lady told us many interesting things about those bygone days and also a number of details concerning that somewhat famous romance, the wooing of beautiful Blanche Taylor by John Hunton. She recalled that while the hardsmitten, middle aged Hunton was struggling rather helplessly in the snares of his sudden new love, the very young, but forthright and practical minded Blanche quietly and efficiently went ahead with her own plans to make sure she would properly meet "that millionaire from the West".

"Sat, Jan 15—Madison. Here all day. Nothing doing. Tom Hunton unwell.

"Sun, Jan 16—Madison. Here in room all day. Tom quite sick. Went to Methodist church in evening. Bad weather.

"Mon, Jan 17—At home. Come here today. Hauling wood.

"Tues, Jan 18—Madison. Went to see Aunt Martha, dined there. Called by and saw Johnston family. Saw Jim Carpenter today.

"Wed, Jan 19—Madison. Here all day doing nothing. Got Cave to haul 3 loads wood. Saw Horace Twyman (?) and others that I had not seen before. Old Mrs. Thomas died.

"Thurs, Jan 20—Madison. Loafing. Dined with Gen. Kemper. Met pleasant company and spent a delightfully pleasant evening. 7 P. M. raining fast.

"Sat, Jan 22—George Gattes (?). Come here on visit today. Everything about the old town looking better than anywhere I have seen in county.

"Sun, Jan 23—Wolf Town. Attended Baptist church and heard Mr. Lewis preach. Saw some familiar faces. Dined with Shad Nichol.

"Mon, Jan 24—Madison. Dined with Dr. and Mrs. Buckner and spent most pleasant day of my visit so far. Come here in afternoon. Nice day.

"Wed, Jan 26—Madison. Got check from Stebbins Post & Co. for \$300. Put it to my credit with W. J. Cave. Letter from Frank, hay going in at Fort Laramie slowly.

"Thurs, Jan 27—Madison. Court here today. Saw many acquaintances. Dull time. Had a hop at Old Town Hall, nice time. Tried to have some talk with Miss Blanche Taylor, but was treated coolly.

"Sat, Jan 29—At home. Went with Cave & Sparks to their steam saw mill, which has just commenced running. Picked place to set it on my land below the road.

"Sun, Jan 30—Madison. Went to church twice today. Tried to but could not summon courage enough to ask Miss Blanche to see her home. Am the same coward with ladies I always was.

"Mon, Jan 31—At home. Went with Mr. Skinker (?) to look at some of his beef steers at the Lutheran church. Come home. During January, 1881, Mr. Hunton's only recorded receipts were \$350 from Stebbins Post & Co., Cheyenne, Wyoming bankers.

His listed expenditures included: stage & car fare \$4.40, drinks & cigars \$22.50, harness etc \$42.70, 4 pr. ear rings \$27, dry goods \$15.55, carriage \$3, pictures \$8.75, carpets etc \$86.70, hotel \$22.50, R. \$6.40, freight \$24.60, lumber bill \$43.91, dances & sundries \$6.75, Suelter & Hote (?) \$87, kits for horse \$1, Dr. Taylor on Tom \$2, A. B. Hunton \$100, W. J. Cave \$300, Negro Crisiers \$11.30, Author Taylor \$10, Religious Herald \$2.50 and incidentals \$40.

In the back of his diary are these memoranda;

"Bid Hunton land 45 ½ acres — 3 bonds dated Nov. 3rd, 1871, for \$58.22 each, \$87.75 cash. Whole amount that land sold for \$262."

"Things furnished for house: crockery ware 1 doz. cups & saucers, 3 doz. plates, soup turen & dish, gravy dish, half doz. knives, forks, table & tea spoons, carpet, curtains, cooking stove & fixtures, 60 lbs. coffee, 150 lbs. sugar, 2 barrels flour."

"Things furnished for farm: 1 wagon, 1 plow, 2 mules, 1 mare, 2 shovels, 2 spades, 2 forks, 2 axes, mattock, 2 sets wheel harness, 2 sets plow harness, augers, brace, bits etc."

#### FEBRUARY, 1881

"Tues, Feb 1—Frank Aylor's. Put hands to cutting logs. Am visiting here. Snowed nearly all night. "Wed, Feb 2—At home. Come here today from Tucker's. Nice cold day.

"Thurs, Feb 3—Madison. Come here today. Called on Gen. Kemper. Met Miss Young. Engaged to call and take the Misses Kemper & Young to dance tomorrow night. Much rather it had been Miss Blanche Taylor, whom I saw on the street today looking splendidly.

"Fri, Feb 4—Madison. Getting up dance. Had splendid dance but I felt lonesome as Miss Taylor was not there. I believe I am 'getting'em bad.'

"Sat, Feb 5—Oak Park. Here visiting Bob Aylor.

"Mon, Feb 7—Oak Park. Dined with Buck Lacy.

"Tues, Feb 8—Madison. Staid with C. Yager last night. Come via Cave's sawmill and home. 200 posts cut and hauled. Attended a rehearsal at Hall. Snide affalr.

"Wed, Feb 9-Madison C. H. Doing nothing. Rehearsal at Hall, nothing done. Saw the Misses Kemper and Young home. Raining. Felt like giving Mr. Fant a dynamite pill, all because I was too cowardly to ask Miss Blanche Taylor to go home with her.

"Thurs, Feb 10—Madison C. H. Terrill Taylor & self built stage at Hall, Another snide rehearsal. Saw Miss Blanche home. My heart was in my mouth all the way and I could not talk. Rained all last night. "Fri, Feb 11—Madison C. H. Attended another snide rehearsal with Miss Taylor and spent very pleasant evening. Some how I cannot talk in her presence.

"Sat, Feb 12—Madison C. H. Doing nothing all day. Attended Miss Taylor's birthday party in the evening with Mrs. Wm. Cave. A very pleasant time. Believe I am getting a little spoony on Miss T.

"Sun, Feb 13—At home. Went to church to hear Parson Lewis this morning. Come here in afternoon. All well. Nice day.

"Mon, Feb 14—Madison C. H. Come here today. Aftended Miss Bettie Jones' birthday party in company with Miss Taylor. Nice time. Attended dance at Wilhort's, slim attendance.

"Tues, Feb 15—Madison C. H. Visited Old-Seal today. Attended rehearsal in evening. More spoony than ever on Miss T. Willie Hall took wagon and plow home.

"Wed, Feb 16—Madison C. H. Went down home. Willie hauling logs.

"Thurs, Feb 17—Madison C. H. Visited Berry Yagers. Spent very pleasant evening.

"Fri, Feb 18—Madison C. H. Assisted at a 'snide show' given by some young ladies of the place. Rather a tame affair. Miss T. took a leading part and looked magnificent as Goddess of Liberty.

"Sat, Feb 19-Madison C. H. Loafing all day. Saw Mr. George Bouton. Took tea with (illegible name) and Mrs. Wm. Cave. . . .

At this point Mr. Hunton took great pains to thoroughly and completely erase two lines from his diary, apparently not wishing to make a record of what took place at this mysterious tea, even in his personal journal. After the erasure he concludes the entry as follows:

"....told her 'Barkis is willing'. Indicated to Miss Taylor would like to take her West and was led to infer she would go.

"Sun, Feb 20—Madison C. H. Loafing all day. Went to Methodist church evening service. Went home with Miss Taylor. Am positively dead in love with her, which is the first time in my life I really want to marry. Nice day.

"Mon, Feb 21—Frank Aylor's. Left town this morning. Dined at home. Come here.

"Tues, Feb 22 — Madison C. H. Come by home. Met Tom Hunton there and told him what I wanted done after I left. Letters from John Steel and G. D. Thayer. Proposed to Miss Taylor. Accepted. Very happy and very diffident and awkward. Wrote to Frank and Harris about lumber to build."

The John Steel above was probably John K. Steele, a young Englishman who worked for the Swan Land and Cattle Company in the Chugwater area. He married Nannie Clay January 26, 1881. Nannie and her brother, Charles E. Clay, were second cousins of the famous statesman Henry Clay. They came from Virginia to Wyoming Territory in 1876.



MRS. JOHN R. STEELE (NANNIE CLAY)

Mrs. Steele gives the following account of pioneer life in the book, "Women of Wyoming", by Cora M. Beach:

"I lived on a ranch near old Chimney Rock. The Indians sometimes raided down on the ranchers, driving off their stock and horses. While I lived at Chugwater I met William Booker, John and Tom Hunton, Hi Kelley, E. W. Whitcomb, Tom Maxwell, A. Loomis, McFarlands, McUlvan, Searight, Ashenfelter, Kerr, S. Doty, Z. Thomasson, Colin Hunter, Phillips, A. H. Reel, Tom Kent and many others.

"We were all neighbors and enjoyed all the free western hospitality and amusements which were mostly dances, and often went sixty miles to attend, starting early in the morning, arrived at our destination at sundown where a warm supper was awaiting us. At midnight we had supper, then as soon as it became daylight breakfast was served, after which we would start home, weary and sleepy, having been gone two days and a night.

"The doors of the houses were always open, the latch-string being on the outside, and any traveler could go in and prepare himself a meal which was freely given and the custom throughout the country."

When a little girl in Virginia Nannie Clay witnessed the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox from a perch in the uppermost branches of a cherry tree.

"Wed, Feb 23 — Madison C. H. Loafing around doing nothing all day but thinking how fearfully embarrassed I was last night in the presence of Miss Blanche and how very stupid I must have appeared to her. Did not have sense enough to leave my ring on her finger after she put it on. Nice day.

"Thurs, Feb 24—Madison C. H. Court day here, many persons here that I had not met since my return. Called to see Miss Blanche and was grievously disappointed to not find her at home. Had a pleasant hour with her father and mother.

"Fri, Feb 25—Madison C. H. Spent a very restless, uncomfortable night. Cannot understand Miss Blanche's absence. Received note from Miss B. which more than repaid me for uneasiness of last night. Visited her at Mrs. Thirif's (2)

"Sat, Feb 26—Madison C. H. Spent the day with Willie and Mrs. Payne. Did not see Miss B. today except as she rode into town.

"Sun, Feb 27—Madison C. H. Went to Presbyterian church to hear the new minister, Mr. Painter. To my great regret there was no preaching at night account of rain. Subscribed to 'Harpers Weekly' and 'Scribners Monthly' for Miss B. T. Rained all afternoon and at night.

"Mon, Feb 28—Madison C. H. Went with Sparks to look for mines which do not exist, consequently didn't find them. Singing school. Did not get chance to talk to Miss B. T. who, unfortunately for me, had an escort."

The only receipts recorded by Mr. Hunton for February, 1881, are \$200 from the Omaha First 1881 119

National Bank and \$100 from W. J. Cave. His expenditures included: sundries \$12, dance \$5, Episcopal church \$25, Stock Association \$2.50, single trees \$1, E. R. Nichol \$250, Jim Davis \$11, Mike Jackson \$11, Horse hire \$1.50, W. J. Cave \$200, A. B. Hunton \$95.32, Bill Davis \$7, papers \$12 and Tom Hunton for Thayer \$10.

### MARCH, 1881

"Tues, Mar I—Madison C. H. Loafing all day. Called on Miss B. T/and spent one of the most agreeable evenings of my life. Miss T. promised to marry and go West with me about the middle of April. I fear she thinks too much of Mr. Smoot to keep her promise as she speaks of breaking engagement with regret. I will hope. If she discards me will try to survive but it will be a body blow. Nice day.

"Wed, Mar 2—Madison C. H. Went home today and returned. Feel restless and uneasy. Tom started to Washington, D. C. Bargained with negro carpenters to repair porch and floors. Did not see Miss B. today. Feel lonesome and weary.

"Thurs, Mar 3—Madison C. H. Writing all forenoon. Called on Mrs. Dr. Cordon in afternoon. Called on Miss Blanche in evening. Had fair talk about marrying. She seemed thoughtful and reserved. Her relation with Mr. Smoot is giving her more concern than she is aware. I fear! I feat! Rain and snow.

"Fri, Mar 4-Madison C. H. Writing nearly

all day. Went to church with Miss Blanche. Heart failed again. Am sorry I did not tell her in the first start about having kept a squaw. Am positive she will discard me with scorn. Snowed last night, nice day.

"Sat, Mar S—Oak Park. Visited Tom Fry. Saw Hugh Fry, Parker, Aylor and others. Could not talk well for thinking of Miss B's going to church with Mr. F. tonight, believe I am jealous. Talked over old times with Bob Aylor until a late hour. Muddy roads. Clear, cold.

"Sun, Mar 6—Madison C. H. Stayed at Bob Aylor's last night. Went to Baptist church. Dined with Buck Lacey. Went to Episcopal church with Miss Blanche and spent a delightful hour with her after church.

"Mon, Mar 7—Madison C. H. Went to see Mother this P. M. Met Miss B. & Mrs. Cave on street. Went to singing school with Miss Bettie Jones.

"Tues, Mar 8 — Madison C. H. Dined with John Utr. Called on Miss Blanche. Spent delightful evening. She showed me Mr. Smoot's letters and promised to write and discard him. I love her so much I believe everything she tells is meant as she says it, but am fearful I will never get her for it would be more than I deserve. Cloudy, some rain.

"Wed, Mar 9—Madison C. H. Spent most of the day with Mr. Cave who is unwell. I feel uneasy about something. Did not call on Miss Blanche on account of too much talk by gossips which I fear annoys her. Feel miserable. High wind all day.

"Thurs, Mar 10—Madison C. H. Called on Mr. and Mrs. B. Cave. Had pleasant chat with Mrs. Wm. Cave. Called on Miss Blanche and was made very happy by obtaining her permission to speak to her father in regard to our marriage, and fixed the time for April 21st. Very fine day.

"Fri, Mar 11—Madison C. H. Done nothing today but think. Wrote to Dr. Taylor asking permission to marry his daughter. Do not expect to obtain it. Spent a delightful evening with Miss Blanche. Temperance lecture here.

"Sat, Mar 12—Madison C. H. Sister and I went down home and spent the day with Mother. No reply from Dr. Taylor. Note from Miss B. saying her father objects and that she would tell me all when we met. Cloudy, some rain.

"Sun, Mar 13—Madison C. H. Went to church. Went to church in evening with Miss B. and had a sad talk. Dr. T. objects and we have to postpone our marriage indefinitely, and I believe for all time. Nice day.

"Mon, Mar 14—Madison C. H. Went down home for short time. Called on Miss Blanche and had a long farewell talk, She promises to wait and marry me in October. I believe she is so vacillating that she will marry Smoot or any other acceptable man before that time. Nice day.

"Tues, Mar 15-Washington, D. C. Tom

went to Jim Watts (?). Note from Miss Blanche. Told my friends goodbye and started west via Culpeper. Wrote three notes to Miss B. Today. Arrived here late. Saw Lts. Buchanan & Allen and Steel. Took tea with Billy Fray (?) at Culpeper.

"Wed, Mar 16—B. & O. R. R. On way west. Breakfast at Cumberland. Supper at Newark, Ohio. Thinking all day how fast the cars are putting space between me and all I love.

"Thurs, Mar 17—Chicago. Arrived here this morning. Have to stay all day. Met many western men. Wrote to Blanche and sent her a book, 'Longfellow's Birthday'. Went to Haverleys and sw Fanny Davenoort in 'Frou Frou'. Could not enjoy it and left before close.

"Fri, Mar 18—C. P. & P. R. R., Sleeper Missouri. Saw Tillotson in Chicage this morning. Wrote to Blanche. Think I will soon become reconciled to the separation and after thinking the matter over a great deal I believe it would be best for me not to think so much about her. Arrived at Rock Island 6 P. M.

"Sat, Mar 19—Omaha. 12 M. arrived here all right. Great deal of snow on ground thru III. & Iowa. Went west over B. & M. road by Lincoln. U. P. road washed out near Fremont. Oelrich Bros. and others on train.

The Brothers Oelrich, C. M. and Harry, were among that group of dashing and wealthy young men, many of them graduates of eastern and European colleges, who came west to get in on the fabu1881

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lous and get-rich-quick cattle boom of the early 1880's. These fashionable and fun loving boys made up Cheyenne's smart set and were the socially elite. C. M. Oelrich was one of the original incorporators of the renowned Cheyenne Club. Harry Oelrich became famous for the parties he threw at his place on Crow Creek, which later became the Charley Hirsig ranch. Harrys "drag" must have been the equivalent of today's most expensive custom built limousine. It was imported from England at a reputed cost of over \$4000. English Actress Lily Langtry, the Lady Hugo Gerald de Bath, was one of the many cuties he used to take riding in it, 'tis said.

"Sun, Mar 20—Cheyenne. Arrived here 6:30 P. M. Everything seems natural. Skew Johnson and Snyder here. Severe snow storm.

"Mon, Mar 21—Cheyenne. Here all day. Wrote to Miss Blanche and to Ludington about Laramie hay, want money.

"Tues, Mar 22 — Bard's Ranch. Started home with Draper and Ben Morrison. Nice day.

"Wed, Mar 23—Bordeaux. Arrived home 5 P. M. Disappointed not to find letter from B. Everything seems to be all right. George Boswell on road with team.

"Thurs, Mar 24—Bordeaux. Done nothing but loaf around today. Men hauling manure. Letter from Tom Hunton. He did not bid on the Walker place to my great regret. No letter from Blanche.

"Fri, Mar 25—Bordeaux. Put men to fencing above the field. Long letter from B. which was great relief to me. Oelrich Bros. here tonight. Sent my photo to Miss B. and wrote her a long letter. Nice day.

"Sat, Mar 26—Bordeaux. Men digging post holes. Bronson & Ben Morrison here. Letter from Gen. Kemper. Hired blacksmith. Frank Browning agrees to work to Sept. 1st at \$40 per month. Bat & Russ here last night.

"Sun, Mar 27—Bordeaux. George Drake went to town. Mail arrived. A long sweet letter from Blanche and wrote her a long letter. Draper dined here.

"Mon, Mar 28-Bordeaux. Signed vouchers for 125 tons hay and forwarded to Q. M. at Fort Laramie. Men making fence. Blacksmith at work. Finished reading "A Mad Marriage". Thought great deal of B. today.

"Tues, Mar 29.—Bordeaux, Wrote to Gen. Kemper authorizing him to buy the Dr. Reeves (?) farm at \$10,000—\$1000 cash, bal. in 1, 2 & 3 years from July 1st, '81. Men setting posts, plowing etc. No letter from B. Wish I could see her. Bartlett Richards went down on coach.

"Wed, Mar 30—Bordeaux. Repairing dams & plowing. Oelrich Bros., Ford, Skew Johnson dined here. No eastern mail, consequently no letter from B. Feel very despondent. Zack Thommason passed to Sabille.

"Thurs, Mar 31—Bordeaux, Fixed Johnny Owens' dam. Shoeing horses. Mail come and no letter from B. Dan come, Harkness and others 1881 125

here tonight. Wrote to B. and sent her "Kate Dauton". Guess she did not get book sent her from Chicago."

In March, 1881, Mr. Hunton recorded the following receipts: W. J. Cave \$150, 1st. National Bank \$100, county warrant \$15, Thorp & Bradly \$47, Frank Kelly \$32, Frank Browning \$51.10, bar (at Bordeaux) \$167.

His expenditures included: Methodist church \$4, W. J. Cave \$300, horse hire \$6.75, Willie Hall \$10, fare to Chicago \$21.05, carriage Pullman \$2, carriage car \$2, sleeper \$2, wine \$10.75, hotels \$12.25, breakfast and porter \$1, diamond ring for Blanche \$75, pin for Skew Johnson \$10, stable bill \$5, Bard road ranch \$16, E. Nagle \$125, Malcolm Campbell \$15 and about \$75 for meals and incidentals.

### **APRIL, 1881**

"Fri, Apr 1—Bordeaux. Geo. Boswell went in kitchen to cook. Letter from Tom. Wrote to him and to Wm. Cave. Heavy frost last night.

"Sat, Apr 2—Bard's Ranch. Dan started to Platte Bottom. Wrote to Blanche. Come here with Zach Thommason on way to Cheyenne.

"Sun, Apr 3 — Cheyenne. Arrived at 12 M. Went out to Fort with Judge Miller. Long letter from Blanche, the nicest one she has yet written me. Feeling splendid. Many cattlemen here to attend stock meeting.

"Mon, Apr 4—Cheyenne. Attended stock meeting and to other business. Got Blanche's pictures framed and think them perfectly splendid.

"Tues, Apr 5—Cheyenne. Stock Association in session today. Adjourned to 2nd of May. Letter from Tom. Wrote to him. Bought McCreary's mule team.

"Wed, Apr 6—Cheyenne. Wrote short letter to Blanche. C. E. Clay & I bid on freight contracts. Called on Mrs. Charlton and give her one of my photos.

"Thurs, Apr 7—Bard's Ranch. Started home in buggy. McCreary with me. Considerable snow on ground and roads very bad. Snowed nearly all night.

"Fri, Apr 8—Bordeaux. Arrived home 3
P. M. Everything all right. Wrote long letter to
Blanche.

"Sat, Apr 9—Bordeaux. Made gate, hotbed etc. Bat Garnier come to ranch. Sold him 3 horses, wagon & harness. Guthrie here. Malcolm Campbell and Charly Wild started to Fort Fetterman.

"Sun, Apr 10—Bordeaux. Writing letters and making out bids for contracts nearly all day. Long, sweet letter from Blanche.

"Mon, Apr 11—Bordeaux. Letter from Gen. Kemper. Wrote to Blanche. Made out and sent off bids for wood and hay at Fort Fetterman and wood at Fort Laramie. Sold Dave and Tom horses to Winterlina.

"Wed, Apr 13 - Bordeaux. Working on

ditches, Gardening, Wrote to Blanche, F. M. Phillips passed home with his wife. Killed lot of ducks. Little snow.

"Thurs, Apr 14—Bordeaux. Frank went to Fort Laramie with load of hay. Perry Organ and men here tonight.

"Fri, Apr 15—Bordeaux. Wrote to Blanche last night. Frank returned, sold hay to Rustic hotel. Player's men here. Planted garden seeds. Killed some ducks. T. A. Kent went to ranch to get old Bill to ride.

"Sat, Apr 16—Bordeaux. Ward & family here last night. Branded 9 Durham calves. Wrote to Blanche from Chug.

"Sun, Apr 17—Bordeaux. Made out bids for hay at Fort Laramie—500 tons in stack \$17.50; 100 tons in stack \$18.50; 200 tons in stack \$19.50; 800 tons baled \$22.80; 400 tons baled \$26. 2000 bu. coal 40 cts.; 3000 cords wood \$9.95. Instructed men and started to Cheyenne. Wrote to Blanche.

"Mon, Apr 18—Cheyenne. Staid at Bard's last night. Met mule team. Hunter & Bergman bought it. Player paid me for horses. Williams & Smith haven't paid notes. Long and splendid letter from Blanche.

"Tues, Apr 19—Cheyenne. Recd. money for mule team and paid it all out. Bids for contracts opened. Have not heard from Omaha. Figuring about building house. Lem Smith came, no money. Wrote to Blanche.

"Wed, Apr 20-Cheyenne. Heard there were

lower bids on Forts Fetterman & Laramie hay than mine. Trying to contract for building, find it will cost over \$2000. Teams very scarce. Rained very hard in evening.

"Thurs, Apr 21—Cheyenne. Loafing. Wrote to B. Tremendous rain last night. Bids for freight opened. Clay & Hunton lowest bidders.

"Sat, Apr 23—Chug Water. On way home. E. Nagle with me going to his ranch. Kelly bringing out bulls & heifers.

"Sun, Apr 24—Bordeaux. Arrived 9 A. M. Nagle went home to ranch, rode 'Old Bill'. No mail for me from anywhere.

"Mon, Apr 25—Bordeaux. Cut and branded colts. Guthrie here with bulls. Benjamin & Weaver here on way to Fort Fetterman. No mail from East.

"Tues, Apr 26—Bordeaux. Loafing all day. Colts doing well. Long, nice letter from Blanche. Draper here tonight. Turner gardening. Ground getting dry. Wrote to Blanche. Phillips went East. Heck Reel to Chevenne.

"Wed, Apr 27—Bordeaux. Figuring plan for house. Brewster's and other parties' bulls passed. Wrote to B.

"Thurs, Apr 28—Ft. Laramie. Rode out, looked at colts, all doing well. Rehmeyer come with wire and took part of it to 'Platte Meadow'.

"Fri, Apr 29—Platte Meadow. Come here today. Posts all set and wire up. 24 bales wire wanting to finish and 122 posts. Dan and black1881 129

smith had a falling out and blacksmith went to Chug.

"Sat, Apr 30—Ft. Laramie. Hired Rehmeyer to haul posts. Come here. Saw Cook, Fleet and others. Sent wire to Bullock place.

Despite his preoccupation with romance and thoughts of Blanche, April of 1881 was quite a business month for Mr. Hunton, too. He recorded the following receipts: bar at Bordeaux \$255, James A. Bon \$21.25, Maj. Lord \$28.16, Stebbins Post & Co. 2000, Frank Wolcott \$10, J. Ford \$2.50, Q. M. Ft. Laramie \$13.10, H. H. Player \$140, R. M. Allen \$240, Hunter & Bergman (for that mule team) \$333, H. S. Tracy \$30.38, Tom Hawk \$20.50 and Jim Hogle \$35.

Among his listed expenditures are: Malcolm D. Campbell \$40, E. Nagle \$525, Stock Association \$10, pictures \$30, mattress & pillow \$10.50, books & paper \$38, pocketbook \$2, Bard's Ranch \$7.50, Stebhs Post & Co. \$240, Smith & Harrington \$66.80, J. W. Hammond \$300, N. Roberson \$32, Frank Menea \$82, G. L. Holt \$47.50, telegrams \$2.35, B. Hellman \$55, H. Haas \$45.30 freight \$28.38, drugs \$5.50, Dyer \$10, incidentals \$23.50, beer & cigars \$24.50, cards \$2, hotel \$8 and stable bills \$40.50.

Mr. J. Ford who paid Hunton \$2.50 on April 7, 1881, was John W. Ford, stage agent, telegraph operator and United States commissioner at Fort Laramie.

And the Frank Menea to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$62 on April 19, was a well known saddle maker whose saddle and harness shop continued to do business in Cheyenne until the 1930's or 40's—long

after its founder had laid aside his tools.

### MAY, 1881

"Sun, May 1—Ft. Laramie. Loafed around short time. Wrote to Blanche. Went home.

"Tues, May 3.—Bordeaux. Went to TY Ranch to look at some mares. Found good lot of mares but too high priced. George Drake here with Voorhees' bulls. Let him have four bulls. Letter from Blanche. Nice rain. Durbin horses come."

The TY Ranch belonged to the Swan Company and was founded by Alex Swan.

"Wed, May 4—Bordeaux. Drake left with bulls. Did not go to Fort Fetterman as I expected. Making fence. Voorhees' mares come. Bob Walker passed. Lefter from B. wanting me to meet her in Washington the 16th. Col. Benjamin here. Nice day.

"Thurs, May 5—Bordeaux. Making fence and fixed ditches. Parker's train passed to Cheyenne.

"Fri, May 6—Bordeaux. Finished putting up wire on fence around upper field. Not feeling well. Manville & Peck here tonight. No mail.

"Sat, May 7—Bordeaux. Made corrall gate. Irvine, Brewster and others here tonight. Finished fence.

"Mon, May 9—Cheyenne. Come here today. Part way with Draper and part way with coach. My trunk was left behind which will delay me a day in going to Washington, where I go expressly to meet Blanche.

"Tues, May 10—Cheyenne. Hired man to care for horses and help drive bulls home. Hi Kelly and I started bulls to Ranche. Govt. horses sold high at sale. I did not attend.

"Wed, May 11—Cheyenne. Made out bill for lumber for house and left with Mr. Calland to be filled. Jake to make window frames for \$5.00 each & door frames for \$3.50 each. My trunk came.

"Thurs, May 12—U. P. R. R. Got pass and started to Washington. Have \$1000 to bear my expenses. Will try to bring B. back with me but doubt the prudence of the movement. Will be greatly disappointed if she is not there.

"Fri, May 13—Chicago & N. W. R. R. Getting along first rate. Got pass over this road. Heavy rains all over Neb. & Iowa last night.

"Sat, May 14—B. & O. R. R. Arrived at and left Chicago. Left on B. & O. Cetting along nice but am all the while thinking how "I'll feel if B. does not get to Washington. Met a Judge Dickey on train who is an interesting traveling companion.

"Sun, May 15—Washington D. C. Arrived here 10 P. M. without accident or incident. Have number 97 & 96 at Ebbitt hotel. Feel very fearful of disappointment of some kind.

"Mon, May 16—Washington. Went about over the city sight seeing. Give a man \$2.50 to show me around. Fears realized, Blanche did not come. Will wait until arrival of train tomorrow. If she does not come will start back at once. Wrote long letter to send Blanche. Nice day.

"Tues, May 17—Washington. Went thru Patent office and other places of interest. Letter from Mr. Cave. Note from B. who arrived this evening. Called to see her. She is somewhat downcast. Talks all love, but acts a little reserved or careless. Cloudy.

"Wed, May 18—Washington. Went over to Baltimore with B. and her party. Had a very pleasant trip, but B. acts as if something were on her mind that she can't shake off. She's very loving, very reticent, acts as if she wanted me with her and did not want me. Cloudy, disagreeable day.

"Thurs, May 19—Washington. Spent an unpleasant day. Did not see B. until eve and then spent a nice evening driving about the city. She is reserved as if something hangs heavy on her mind. Think it doubtful if we ever marry. Cloudy, rainy, damp day.

"Fri, May 20—Alexandria. Went to different photo galleries with B. and her party. Dined at Harveys and come here on boat. Went to Lodge 22 A. Masons, which is Gen. Washington's old lodge. B. is as inexplicable as ever, but will say nothing. Something is wrong."

It now appears that both John Hunton and Blanche Taylor are instinctively becoming aware of and concerned by the differences which create a chasm between them — great differences in age, temperament and interests which hold them apart, keep them from close sympathy and understanding of the other's moods and desires. But theirs is not the only case in which such warnings and danger signals have been ignored by persons in love.

"Sat, May 21—On Penn. Central train. Bid Blacken a sorrowful goodby this morning in Alexandria. Started west by Penn. Central and had pleasant day's travel over fine country. Rode with Gen. J. R. Hawley to this place. Nice day."

The "Gen. J. R. Hawley" who rode west from Alexandria with John Hunton that May day in 1881, was probably the Col. John R. Hawley who fought the Confederates, not too successfully, in Florida. Civil War records show Col. Hawley as leading the right wing of an army commanded by Gen. Truman Seymour which invaded Florida, advancing in three columns. After some initial success they met the rebels in force near Olustee, suffered nearly 1250 casualties and back-tracked in a hurry to Jackson-ville.

"Sun, May 22—On N. W. train. Arrived in Chicago at 9 A. M. Wrote to B. Continued trip, feeling rather low spirited. Can hardly believe B. and I will ever marry and rather think it best for both if we never do. Nice day.

"Mon, May 23—Omaha. Arrived here today. Wrote to B. Will have to stop until tomorrow. Took tea with Mrs. Cooke & her sons.

"Tues, May 24—On U. P. train. Saw Q. M. this morning. Wood wanted badly at Fort Fetterman. Coal wanted. Got hay. Wrote to B.

"Wed, May 25—Cheyenne. Arrived on time. Commenced proceedings to foreclose Williams & Smith mortgage. Wrote to B. Feel great misgivings about ever getting her."

John Hunton sold his Box Elder SO cattle herd to Williams & Smith in the spring of 1880 for \$34,-000, receiving a substantial down payment. For details of the transaction see pages 42 and 43.

"Thurs, May 26—Laramie City. Come here yesterday to close out W. & S. Went to see Katie Putnam troupe last night in 'Little Barefoot'. Saw Quinn, Bailey and other officers. Was uneasy about something, B. I suppose, and left before play was out. Nice day.

"Fri, May 27—Cheyenne. Returned here today. Lost the Williams & Smith mortgage, got certified copy. Letter from B. Wrote to B. this morning.

"Sat, May 28—Bordeaux. Arrived by cocch today. Everything all right. There have been some heavy rains here. Flume washed away. Heavy rain today.

"Sun, May 29—Bordeaux. Zach Thomasson, Lane and others passing. Fence broken by flood and colts out. One colt badly cut by wire. Found some of them.

"Mon, May 30—Bordeaux. Sent ton hay to John London, Fort Laramie post trader, by Dan Titus. Changed mares to middle pasture. Crawford hauling wood. "Tues, May 31—Bordeaux. Fixing fence. Hunting colts but did not find them. Dan returned from delivering London hay. Capt. Woodson camped here with recruits. Letter from Bullock. Letter from Blanche."

During May, 1881 Mr. Hunton recorded these receipts: Jim Hogle \$6.50, Stebbins Post & Co. \$1100, Pratt & Ferris \$2500, interest \$136.67, ranch \$140 and hay \$31.

His expenditures included: Henry Cook \$220, Blacksmith Henson \$31, J. E. McCreary \$20, bar \$25, Swan Bros. \$400, Pratt & Ferris for Janis taxes \$64.58, Ist. National Bank \$324.19, E. Nagle for Rehmeyer \$57.50, hotel bills \$6, sleepers \$7, tips 30c, books \$2.75, hat \$5, fare and sleeper Chicago to Washington \$22.50, man to show things at Washington \$2.65, expense Washington trip \$145.75, refrigerator \$47.50, advertising \$80, wine \$20, W. G. Bullock \$50, freight \$14.50, and some \$50 for incidentals.

It will be recalled that Pratt & Ferris from hom Mr. Hunton received \$2500 and \$136.67 interest, were the gentlemen who bought Little Moon from him for \$5000, half down—see page 88.

# JUNE 1881

"Wed, June 1—Bordeaux. Men fixing fence. Dan Titus found colts. Smith give orders to men to turn over the SO herd and other property to me. Draper and others passed. Wrote to B.

"Thurs, June 2-Bordeaux. Crawford burn-

ing lime. Turner helping. Dan making bolts. Hunting colts.

"Fri, June 3—Bordeaux. Crawford burning lime. Turner helping Dan making bolts. Fixing dams, etc. Colts all in pasture. Under wire is the safest place for them.

"Sat, June 4—Bordeaux. Lime burning, dam fixing etc. Glafcke & Haas here tonight. Wrote B. long letter. Letter from her."

As previously recorded herein, Messrs. Glafcke and Haas were prominent citizens of Cheyenne, H. Haas a blacksmith, wagon maker and merchant with whom John Hunton did much business and Mr. Glafcke the Magic City's first newspaper publisher and commercial printer.

Among Mr. Hunton's books is a copy of the first "Compiled Laws of Wyoming". The name on the flyleaf indicates that this volume was once owned by B. A. Hart—and it was printed by, "H. Glafcke, Leader Steam Book and Job Print, Cheyenne, Wyoming. 1876."

In addition to the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation and Constitution of the United States this first Wyoming law book contains: The Treaty of Cession with France, the Organic Acts of Dakota and Wyoming, the Union Pacific Land Grant Act of 1864 and the treaties of 1868 with the Sioux, Shoshone and Bannack Indians.

And to have a legal fence in "76 it had to be at least five feet high, posts not more than 12 feet apart, fastened together by "good, sound rails or poles, five to the panel."

Public officials of the day were: J. M. Thayer, governor; G. W. French, secretary; J. W. Fisher, chief justice; E. A. Thomas and J. B. Blair, associate justices; J. J. Jenkins, U. S. attorney; W. F. Sweesy, U. S. marshal; E. C. David, surveyor general; E. P. Snow, collector of internal revenue; I. C. Whipple, receiver of public money; G. R. Thomas, register of the land office; A. R. Converse, treasurer; Orlando North, auditor; J. Slaughter, librarian and superintendent of public instruction, and W. R. Steele, delegate to Congress.

"Sun, June 5—Bordeaux. Dan & Glafcke went to 'Blue Stone' prospecting. Haas went to Fort Laramie. Picture and watch case from B. Wrote her a very long letter asking to let me come for her in July.

"Mon, June 6—Bordeaux. Lime kiln finished burning last night. Crawford comcd. digging foundation for house. Dan & Glafcke returned unsuccessful. Wrote B. long letter."

And so John Hunton started construction of the large, two-story, lime-concrete house he built and furnished at Bordeaux for Blanche Taylor, his brideto-be; the girl he wanted so much—but with many fears and misgivings—to marry.

Agnes Wright Spring, Colorado state historian and writer, sent us the following summary of Hunton's business and building activities at Bordeaux, as told in his own words. It was copied from an old newspaper clipping, but Mrs. Spring is not certain of the original source:



The Lime-Concrete House John Hunton Built for Blanche at Bordeaux

"Except for about 13 months in 1874 and 1875, Bordeaux was run as a road ranch, selling whiskey and furnishing meals and lodging. Whiskey was 25c per drink, meals 50c and bed a dollar.

"In 1874 and 1875 this was not done part of the time for the reason that it got very unpleasant to be bothered with it as the ranchers north and south got to shoving their drunks to Bordeaux. During this time the ranch furnished meals only.

"In 1876, when the Black Hills traffic got so large and the call for accommodations so insistent, the ranch was again opened up as a regular place of accommodation and remained such until about the time the railroad got there in 1887 "In 1881 the concrete structure at Bordeaux was built . . . in 1887 the hotel, the large barn and an office building were erected. They are located half a mile north and west of the original Bordeaux, which is where the two-room house is located, about 250 feet west of where the concrete house, or the LD ranch house stands.

"The old original building joined onto the south end of the two-room house. The grove around the concrete house was planted in March 1882. The original Bordeaux was located on the NW½ of the NE¾, Sec. 36, Tp. 23, R. 67 W."

"Tues, June 7—Bordeaux. Fixing to start to Fort Fetterman. Charly Wild come. Draper & Brewster here tonight. Wrote to B.

"Wed, June 8—Camp on Horse Shoe. Come here today from Ranch. Charly Wild and Dan Titus with me. Worked four horses. Sent Frank to town after grub. Sent E. Nagie \$150.

"Thurs, June 9—Box Elder. Nooned on Wagon Hound, got here about 6 P. M. James Monroe in charge. Took possession of all property and hired Monroe to stay at Ranch. Duncan Grant here waiting for roundup."

Duncan Grant, waiting there on Box Elder for the roundup, was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland in 1854 and emigrated to America with his father, Robert, in 1869. They came to Wyoming about 1874 and homesteaded. Young Grant's first job in the new territory was with McGarlane & McUlvane on the Chug. He also worked for Hunter & Abbott and started cowboying for the Swan Brothers in 1879, working up to the responsible job of general foreman of their several ranches in the Chugwater area. In 1889 Duncan Grant started his own ranch on Sybille creek, some ten miles southwest of Wheatland. He married one of southeastern Wyoming's earliest school teachers, Mary Reagan, in 1892. She started teaching on Reshaw (or Richard) creek in 1888. Their family was prominent in the Wheatland community for many years.

Mr. G. D. MacDougall, of Denver, recalls that Mary Reagan was one of his first school teachers and he also well remembers when Duncan Grant began courting her. The schood house was located between the ranch of his father, Colin MacDougall, and Robert Grant's place.

"Fri, June 10—Box Elder. Went to Fort Fetterman. Bought 50 cords wood from Foy and settled with Foy & Spang in full. Malcolm Campbell and Bob Waln gone to Rock Creek for freight. Haynes only got two teams out of six, and moving to George Harris place. Talked freight with George Powell, he will move two trios."

Previous volumes of this journal contain many references to the activities and adventures of George Powell during the 1870's (see indexes). For the story of a fight he and his hay crew had with Indians, in which John Ottens was fatally wounded, see Vol. 2, starting on page 150.

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GEORGE POWELL
Pioneer Rancher of the Fort Fetterman Area

gineer, the late L. C. Bishop ever earned was herding buck sheep as a boy for George Powell. Mr. Bishop reminisced about him as follows:

"I remember George Powell very well as a small boy. He was a friend of my father's. Father worked for Mr. Powell in the late seventies, first as a bull whacker and later as his foreman on a hay contract for delivery of hay from the Deer Creek hay reservation to Fort Fetterman, and he also worked on the LaPrele ranch and helped build the ranch house.

"Father always said that George Powell was one dollar I ever earned was working for Mr. Powell herding bucks to keep them out of the stack yards and to keep the coyotes way. When the time came for turning the bucks in the herd, I drove them and George drove the team and wagon. I well remember that we camped the first night at the mouth of La-Prele, near Fetterman, and that during the night it snowed about four inches and we both nearly froze sleeping together on the ground in a camp bed. I believe we reached his sheep camp on Box Creek about the third day. That was about 1897.

"I believe Mrs. Powell was present at the birth of most of my eleven brothers and sisters. She was a grand person."

"Sat, June 11—Box Elder. Went to wood camp in the hills and find that I have not got as much wood as I thought I had. Killed a deer.

"Mon, June 13—Fort Fetterman. Took up hay scales. Dan helping me. Getting very dry, grass drying up.

"Tues, June 14—Fort Fetterman. Sold Fort timber of scales. Searight, Guiterman going to Cheyenne. Skew Johnson going to Sweetwater to receive his cattle.

"Wed, June 15—Box Elder. Putting tongue and sandboard in Bat Garnier's wagon, the old Schutler.

"Thurs, June 16—Box Elder. Went to Fetterman. Letter from B. Don't like its tone, but it's for my good for I hope she will discard me. Finished Bat's wagon and he took tines to his place, 25 new ones and 5 old ones.

"Fri, June 17—Box Elder. Here all day. Jim Berry come. Bob Waln unloaded Nichol's goods. Roundup on Box creek. Very dry weather.

"Sat, June 18—Box Elder. Went to Fetterman this morning. Letter from B.—very loving but something wrong. Think she's gone from me, 'twil be best if she has. Bob Searight, Blue Hall and others in Post from roundup for grub. Charly Wild went for work cattle. Saw Bob Waln and told him he could get freight. Telegram from E. Nagle that Clay had left Pier with 25 teams for Rock Creek.

"Sun, June 19—Box Elder. L. Smiths come, bought my team. Little Bat commenced hauling wood. Caught some fish. Wrote to B. Letter from Tom Hunton saying Mother was blind and he had to go to Baltimore with her.

"Mon, June 20—Camp on Bed Tick, L. Smith, Smith, Jr. bid in SO outfit at price sufficient to cover mortgage. Started to Chug in buggy. Dan with team. Haynes took the ox teams and let Wild out for \$1000. Smith started to Cheyenne.

"Tues, June 21—F. M. Phillip's Ranch. Got here 6 P. M. Mr. and Mrs. P. well. Roundup working in neighborhood. Told Webster would pay him \$5 head for all LD strays put in pasture. Dry and dusty.

"Wed, June 22—Bordeaux. Arrived 9½ A.
M. Foundation nearly completed for house.
Timber here. Smith & son went on to Cheyenne.
Ford and Friend, Ike Bergman & Colin Hunter
dined here.

"Thurs, June 23—Chug Water. Started Dan Titus to work on house with instructions to him and Crawford how to proceed. Started to Cheyenne. Charly Wild with me.

"Fri, June 24—Cheyenne, Staid at Hi Kelly's last night. Arrived 5 P. M. Letter from B. Worst fears realized, she is in correspondence with black leg. Saw Smith and he will settle up everything tomorrow. Ryan loaded roofing. Dined at Cheyenne Club of which I am a member.

"Sat, June 25—Cheyenne. L. Smith settled up for herd today, paying me \$16,050.66. I settled some debts etc.

"Sun, June 26—Cheyenne. Wrote to B. Did not mention my dispust at her conduct in encouraging the black guard who gave her his address in Baltimore depot. Was in Harry Player's office nearly all day. He went to Denver. Fort, nice music. Letter from B. with picture enclosed.

"Mon, June 27—Rock Creek, Wrote to B. Settled in full with E. Nagle, Hammond and others. Clay & I come here to attend to freight. Poor prospect for as much freight as we want to handle. Very dry and warm. 1 8 8 1 145

"Tues, June 28—Rock Creek. Saw and arranged with Tom Haynes about freight, work cattle, etc. Wrote B. short note. Clay went to Chevenne.

"Wed, June 29—Cheyenne. Come here from Rock Creek. Dined at Cheyenne Club. Some of the members are in from different roundups. Splendid letter from B. Went to theatre to see I. T. Raymond in 'Frish'. Mrs. Charlton with me. Intensely hot all day. All the country very dry.

"Thurs, June 30—Bordeaux. Arrived at 5 P. M. Not much been done since I left. Every hand except Frank and George seems to've been resting for the last week. Mr. W. G. Bullock's health better than when I left. Come home on Buck Board. Wrote to B."

A lot of money passed through Mr. Hunton's house during June of 1881. He recorded the following receipts: Ranch \$45, timber from hay scales \$12, Billy Bacon \$25, Bordeaux bar \$105, L. Smith \$16,050.68.

His expenditures included: E. Nagle \$831, Foy & Spang \$23.80, Fred Foy \$100, Q. M. for hay scales \$7.80, Bill Freeland \$300, Cheyenne Club \$144.25, Stebbins Post & Co. \$10,000, 1st. National Bank \$16,050.66, W. J. Cave \$250, Jake Weybrecht \$93, J. W. Hammond \$744.87, H. A. Calland \$400, license \$50, pen for Blanche \$3, R. R. ticket \$22.50, hotel Rock Creek \$4, Marks & Myers \$39.62, Hotel Dyers \$3, J. F. Coad \$66, and \$35 for small items and incidentals.

## JULY, 1881

"Fri, July 1—Bordeaux. Working on house, setting window frames etc. Kelly, Ash and Mc-Cleary passed from the north. Wrote to B. Turner quit. Frank went to Cheyenne. Very hot, little rain at head of Hunton Creek.

"Sat, July 2—Bordeaux. Working on house. Letter from B., wrote ans. Oelrich Bros. here tonight and report assassination of President Garfield. Billy Irvine passed to Cheyenne. Very hot and dry."

W. C. (Billy) Irvine is one of the best known names on any roster of Wyoming pioneers. Following are some personal recollections of the man by two other of the state's first citizens:

The late Mrs. John B. Kendrick, wife of Wyoming's well loved and unbeatable cowman-senator, recalled, "My husband and Billy Irvine were great friends, and at one time in business together, though he was much older than my husband. When we were married and I came to Wyoming to live in 1891 I remember Mr Irvine and Mrs Irvine. She was a highly intelligent, handsome and stately woman; he a man of the West-both of them white haired. At that time Mr. Kendrick was 32 and I was 19 years old. Some years later my husband and Mr. Irvine bought the coal land on which the Acme coal mine, about nine or ten miles north of Sheridan, was located. They did not develope the mine. but leased it to others more experienced in that sort of business. When the many individual coal mines in the vicinity of Sheridan were bought up

and consolidated, Mr. Kendrick and Mr. Irvine closed their partnership but remained intimate, life long friends. He was always 'Billy' to us."

And from Russell Thorp, Jr., of Cheyenne, "I knew W. C. (Billy) Irvine well. He came from Pennsylvania to Wyoming in the 1870's and associated himself with large cattle interests. First, in 1881, as foreman and then general manager of the Ogalalla Cattle Company, 'Keystone' brand, and later as a rancher and cattle owner in his own right. He was active in the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and one of the leaders in the Johnson County Invasion; a man of determination, fearless and relentless in his fight against cattle rustlers. He served as president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, 1896-1911, and was active in the American National Cattle Growers Association, Irvine also served Wyoming as state senator and state treasurer. He was outstanding in the state's range and cattle industry for 43 years."

"Sun, July 3 — Johnny Owens' Ranche. Come here via Bullock place. Country all dried up. Want to hire men but can't find any. Hot & dry.

"Mon, July 4—Bordeaux. Let Owens have \$500. Saw Bob Walker at Fort Laramie. All celebrating stopped on account of assassination of President. Could not hire men and come home. Fixed mowing machine. Hot & dry.

"Tues, July 5-Bordeaux. Fixed mowers. Worked on house. Find will not have enough lime to half build it. Andy Carr sold out and passed to Cheyenne. Cloudy and little rain.

"Thurs, July 7 — Bordeaux. Working on house. Zach Thomasson & Colin Hunter here. Two men come on coach to work, hired by Frank Browning. Note from Hi Kelly. Mr. Bullock and I went to Kelly's. Kelly cattle passed. Letter from Blanche.

"Fri, July 8—Bordeaux. Staid at Kelly's last night. Made conditional arrangement with him about price of hay. If Q. M. gives us \$20 per ton I am to give Kelly \$2 per ton on all hay I issue. Roundup parties getting back from South Platte.

"Sat, July 9—Bordeaux. Put up window frames on house. Tom Moore, Perry Organ, John Owens and wife and others here. Hauled lime from McFarland's. Frank come. Letter from B. Some rain. weather pleasant.

"Sun, July 10—Hay Meadow on Platte. Frank Browning and I left Ranche this morning and come here for machines & rake. Killed 2 antelope, a badger, owl etc. Some rain today.

"Mon, July 11—Camp on Laramie. Loaded one machine & rake and other things and come here. Killed antelope.

"Tues, July 12—Bordeaux. Found on arrival that there had been a very heavy rain
during my absence. Crawford been drinking
and work going on very slowly. Capt. Monnahan's company here last night. Killed beef
Maverick."

There was an early day Texas rancher named assumed Maverick who followed the most unusual practice of not branding his cattle. So in time, throughout the West, any unbranded animal or lost calf became known as a "Maverick" and, according to early range custom and law was the legitimate property of the first to put his brand on it.

Wed, July 13—Bordeaux. Work on house progressing slowly. Capt. Bowman's company passed. Intensely warm.

"Thurs, July 14 — Bordeaux. Work on house getting along a little better. Crawford sober. Very hot.

"Sat, July 16—Bordeaux. Work on house. Dan Titus shod Hi Kelly's horses. Kelly, Hackney, Williams and Sager passed to Fort Mc-Kinney, dined here. Loomis here tonight. Heaviest hail ever known killed Voorhees' mare colt and one calf. Lt. Robeson & family, 9th Infty, here tonight. Lower fields all flooded and much injured. Heavy rain."

The "Loomis" who stayed with Hunton at Bordeaux the night of the big hail was Abner Loomis, a neighboring rancher on the Chug.

"5un, July 17—Bordeaux. Rode around and examined damage done by storm. Allice has a calf. Ab Loomis went to Two Bar Ranche. Tom Hunton come from Madison, Va., not much news."

The "Two Bar" on Sybille Creek was originally part of the vast network of Swan outfits. It has been

the locale of much frontier history and remained one of the most widely known ranches in the area for many years.

"Mon, July 18—Chug Station. Repairing on fence that freshet washed away. Working on house. Instructed all hands what to do. Started to Cheyenne. Mr. Loomis with me. Working Bird & Goose. Heavy rain last night.

"Tues, July 19—Cheyenne. Arrived 5 P. M. Dined at the Cheyenne Club. Commenced cutting hay at Ranch.

"Wed, July 20 — Cheyenne. Hired four men to work hav.

"Thurs, July 21—Cheyenne. Here all day. Sort of a 4th of July celebration going on. Have severe tooth ache.

"Fri, July 22—Cheyenne. Sick in bed all day in Judge Bergman's room. Sent buggy out this morning by man. Nice day.

"Sat, July 23—Cheyenne. Am feeling much better today. Had tooth pulled.

"Sun, July 24—Cheyenne. Went to hear Mr. Cowhick Presbyterian in the morning and to Congregational in the evening."

Agnes Wright Spring in her "Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Routes" records that at a meeting of the Cheyenne Bible Society in 1876 about sixty dollars was collected to send copies of the Bible to mining towns in the Black Hills, and that in short order the Rev. J. Y. Cowhick was on his way to the "Hills" with a supply of Bibles in the boot of the stage coach.

"Mon, July 25—Bordeaux. Arrived here by coach this evening. Afl work has gone on slowly since I left.

"Tues, July 26—Bordeaux. Working on hay, house, etc. Doty roundup here.

"Thurs, July 28—Bordeaux. Haying and working on house. Hi Kelly passed home. T. A. Kent here. Letter and tobacco sack from Blanche Taylor.

"Fri, July 29—Bordeaux. Haying and working on house. Ab Loomis here. Not feeling well.

"Sat, July 30—Bordeaux. Haying. Fixing upper dam which was badly damaged by Wednesday's flood. Took Mrs. Bergman, daughter and Miss Parkwell (or Barkwell) to Chug Water. Kelly took them to town. Arranged with Kelly to go in on one-third interest of 80 acres with Collins if he bought it."

During the ten days from July 6 to 16, 1881, Mr. Hunton did a brisk business at his bar in Bordeaux, recording receipts of \$75 on the 6th (probably from July 4th celebrants), \$70 on the 18th (the day Capt. Bowman's company passed), \$50 on the 18th and \$25 on the 16th (the day of the big hail storm when he had quite a number of guests). His other recorded receipts were: James Hogle \$52.50, Judge Bean \$2.50, Stebbins Post & Co. \$150, and H. B. (Hi) Kelly \$7.50.

His expenditures included: Wilson Turner

\$97.12, F. P. Browning \$105, John Owens \$500, Dick Mantle \$25, Willie Hall \$50 and some \$15 for incidentals.

## AUGUST, 1881

"Mon, Aug 1 — F. M. Phillips' Ranch. Left home this morning, went by Fort Laramie and come here. Amos Bettelyoun done cutting hay on the Bullock place but has 3 trips to haul. Big mining excitement about the Fort."

That "mining excitement" at Fort Laramie may well have resulted from the discovery of rich copper ore pockets near Hartville, some fifteen miles or so northwest of Fort Laramie in 1881. Two of the earliest claims were the "Green Mountain Boy", staked out by a man named Miller, which is said to have yielded a million dollars worth of copper ore in five years, and "The Sunrise", now among the world's largest open-pit iron mines, operated by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.

"Tues, Aug 2—Bordeaux. Come home from Phillips', Put up hay stacker. Making hay. Completed the wall for first story of house. Judge Carey & Bro. passed tonight for Cheyenne.

"Wed, Aug 3 — Bordeaux. Making hay. Crawford quit work on house and comcd. work on lime.

"Thurs, Aug 4—Bordeaux. Making hay and lime kiln.

"Fri, Aug 5-Bordeaux. Making hay. Fixing hay scales. Parker's train passed to Chey1881

enne. Herd sheep passed for Goose Creek. A. T. Bacon here last night and left horse in pasture.

"Sat, Aug 6—Bordeaux. Finished cutting hay in upper pasture. Crawford and man cutting wood to burn lime. Sawyer's hay press passed. Finished scale frame. Long and very interesting letter from Blanche.

"Mon, Aug 8—Bordeaux. Finished cutting upper field. Commenced stacking hay. Hauling wood to burn lime. Crab's & McConkey's trains here tonight and drew hay.

"Tues, Aug 9—Bordeaux. Stacking hay at stable and in field. Crawford hauling wood for lime kiln. Searight's beef passed.

"Wed, Aug 10—Bordeaux. Stacking hay. Working in blacksmith shop. Fixed Berry's leg. Glafcke here tonight.

"Sat, Aug 13—Bordeaux. Doing same work as for past few days. Crawford commenced burning lime at noon. Finished two haystacks.

"Mon, Aug 15—Bard's Ranch. Started to Cheyenne in buggy. Mrs. Phillips rode as far as Mrs. Maxwells with me and F. Hamilton rode from home with me. Met Draper and Hunter.

"Tues, Aug 16—Rock Creek. Got to Cheyenne at noon and continued the journey on to here. Saw Tom Haynes who has loaded and will start tomorrow. Heavy rain here today.

"Wed, Aug 17-Cheyenne. Returned from

Rock Creek today. Done nothing in way of business. Saw W. B. Lorring who stopped off here to see me.

"Fri, Aug 19—Cheyenne. Made out bill for lumber. Woods promised to haul it. Met with Miss Clark.

"Sun, Aug 21—Cheyenne. Bargained with Jim Talbot to do mason work and (blank space) to do carpentering. Bought 10 heifers and one bull for \$375 of Swan.

"Mon, Aug 22-Bordeaux. Arrived here by coach today. Not much done during my absence.

"Tues, Aug 23—Bordeaux. Stacking hay. Crawford hauling lime. Frank Browning will quit the first of September. Letter from B.

"Wed, Aug 24—Bordeaux. Cutting lower meadows. Jim Talbot and men came.

"Thurs, Aug 25-Bordeaux. Talbot and men commenced work on house. Cutting hay.

"Fri, Aug 26—Bordeaux. Work on house & hay. F. M. Phillips returned from Iowa. Guthrie Bros. here tonight.

"Sat, Aug 27—Bordeaux. Work on house, hay and hay scales. Fred Dearborn guit work.

"Sun, Aug. 28—Bordeaux. Al Graham hauling sand. No other men doing anything. Bronson went north.

"Tues, Aug 30—Bordeaux. Have made the foundation and commenced the boxing on chicken and warehouse. Sent two loads hay to Eagles Nest."

The only money Mr. Hunton made note of receiving during August, 1881 was \$160 from Stebbins Post & Co., Cheyenne bankers.

His recorded expenditures included: First National Bank \$100, ranch account \$80, A. B. Hunton, his father, \$100, W. J. Cave \$60, wine \$25.50, Prof. Stanton \$2, stable bill \$12, watermellons \$6.50, Cheyenne Club \$5.75, A. H. Swan \$375, Fred Dearborn \$44.25, Wilson Woods \$135, \$24.75 to hands Walker, Myers and Crawford and about \$25 for meals, beer cigars, etc.

#### SEPTEMBER, 1881

"Thurs, Sept 1—Bettelyoun's Ranch. Come here this P. M. to get B. to cut hay on Platte as Frank Browning and Dan Titus are both going to quit. Getting along slow on house.

"Fri, Sept 2—Platte Meadow. Come here from Bettelyoun's today. Bill Fleet with me to look at and bargain for cutting the hay if we can agree. Grass looking fine. Saw Ferris and his beef herd. Heavy rain here last night.

"Sat, Sept 3—Bettelyoun's. Returned here today. Fleet will not cut the hay. Saw Dyer, Glafcke & Hass at Fort Laramie.

"Sun, Sept 4—Bordeaux. Got here at noon. Not much done since I left. Went to Rehmeyer's, bargained with him to cut hay at \$2.50 per ton. Some of the men have guit.

"Mon, Sept 5—Bordeaux. Sent Frank Browning, who agrees to work 3 months longer at \$50 per month, to Kelly's for load of lumber. Working on house. The carpenter came.

"Tues, Sept 6—Bordeaux. Greased harness. Worked half day on house. Snowed last night and part of forenoon.

"Thurs, Sept 8 — Bordeaux. Worked on house. Dan Titus finished shoeing all the horses. Cut the corn. Long sweet letter from B.

"Fri, Sept 9—Bordeaux. Working on house, Tom Hunton killed deer and started to Fort Fetterman to sell wood and other business.

"Sat, Sept 10 — Bordeaux. Working on house. Dan Titus left, going to Cheyenne for his provisions.

"Sun, Sept 11—Bordeaux. Men working on house all day. Lt. Seton passed. Maj. Sniffin, the new paymaster, here tonight. Could not get a chance to write any letters. Bargained with John (blank) who has been at work for Hi Kelly to work for me.

"Mon, Sept 12—Bordeaux. Joe Night come here for breakfast, also Whitcomb and Gim. Much travel on the road. Working on house. Put hay press in field ready to go to work.

"Tues, Sept 13—Bordeaux. Work on house, hauling sand etc. Sent Frank Browning with dispatch from Col. Hooker to W. P. Noble. Gateskill and Swan & Thomasson hunting Noble to buy his cattle."

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WORDEN P. NOBLE

The gentleman pictured above, who was being so earnestly sought after September 13, 1881, became one of central Wyoming's most prominent livestock and business men, with headquarters in what is now Fremont county.

Mr. Noble, a New Yorker, came to Fort Laramie in the spring of 1867, where he worked a few months as clerk or business manager for Coffee & Cuny. The following year he moved on westward, opened a store at Atlantic City and did considerable bull-team freighting in that area. By 1885, in addition to owning large herds of both cattle and sheep, he was in the mercantile business at Lander where he established a bank in 1890, with his brother Fred and a man named Lane as partners. Worden Noble was also one of Sweetwater county's first commissioners and later a member of the state legislature.

"Wed, Sept 14—Bordeaux. Working on house. Completed the grout walls. Discharged Charly. T. A. Kent and Al come to go to Cheyenne on coach. Tom Hunton returned from Fort Fetterman, sold all wood to George Powell.

"Thurs, Sept 15—Bordeaux. Frank Browning returned. Gateskill passed home. Kent's & Heck Reel's beef herd, and F. M. Phillip's, passed to Pine Bluffs. Phillips & wife here tonight, Mrs. P. give me a canary bird.

"Fri, Sept 16 - Bordeaux. Working on house, roofing, etc. Dan Titus shoeing horses.

"Sat, Sept 17-Platte Meadows, Come here today and put up hay stacker. Rehmeyer got here and put up machines ready to commence work. Grass getting quite brown. Dan Titus left for Tongue River.

"Sun, Sept 18—Bordeaux. Returned today. Noble's and other beef herds passed to Pine Bluffs. "Mon, Sept 19—Bordeaux. Put iron roof on kitchen. Commenced plastering. Give all the instructions I could think of and preparing to go East. Bob Walker & wife went north.

"Tues, Sept 20—Cheyenne. Left Bordeaux this morning with Mr. W. G. Bullock on coach and arrived here 7½ o'clock, going to Va.

"Wed, Sept 21—Cheyenne. Got money and paid off some debts. Let Mr. Bullock have \$2500—which was at least a thousand more than I thought he would want. Dined with Skew Johnson, told him I expected to be married.

"Thurs, Sept 22—Cheyenne. George Powell paid me for the wood he got at Fort Fetterman. Got few presents to take to Va. Saw Col. Van Vliet.

"Fri, Sept 23—Cheyenne. Sent out load freight. Bargained with painter to paint house."

Concerning that bargain with the painter, Mr. Hunton made this memorandum in the back of his diary: "Sept 24 — Painting house \$65, painting blinds \$13.50, painting roof \$10."

"Sat, Sept 24—On U. P. Train. Made all arrangements that I think necessary to keep things running until I return and started East. Got pass. Maj. Drew and Arnold's family on train. Mr. Bullock with me.

"Sun, Sept 25—C. B. & Q. R. R. Reached Omaha all right. Got passes for Mr. Bullock and myself over this road thru Arnold.

"Mon, Sept 26-Chicago. Arrived at 31/2

and was delayed by procession. Had fine view of the procession. Judge Carey here. Mr. Bullock unwell. Went to Grand Opera and saw play, 'Banker's Daughter'.

"Tues, Sept 27—Chicago. Here all day. Mr. Bullock unwell, but was on the street and bought fine case of silver as bridal present to Blanche. Saw Reel, Coffee, Branson (or Bronson) and others.

"Wed, Sept 28—On Penn. Cen. R. R. Left Chicago on 3:30 train. Our baggage left behind but will follow tomorrow. Mr. Bullock better.

"Thurs, Sept 29—Washington D. C. Arrived here at 10:30. Stopped at 'Metropolitan'. Nice traveling today.

"Fri, Sept 30—Washington. Had to stay here all day to get baggage. Will leave at 10:30 for Culpeper, Va. Mr. Bullock goes to Lynchburg. Saw Judge Sener, Capts. Davis & Buchanan."

During September, 1881, Mr. Hunton lists the following receipts: bar at Bordeaux \$45, George Walker \$20, Luke Voorhees \$430, Maj. Lord \$106.09, E. R. Nichols \$51, E. J. Smith \$12, Wm. Bacon \$30 and George Boswell \$20.

His expenditures included: Griffin, Al Graham and Dave Graham \$42 each, George Walker \$77, Stebbins Post & Co. \$420, Dan Titus \$330, Chas. J. Johnson \$36. Jim Talbot \$81 and Tom Hunton \$100.

#### OCTOBER 1881

"Sat, Oct 1-Madison C. H., Va. Staid at

Culpeper last night. Arrived here at noon. Visited Miss Blanche. Was kindly received by Dr. Taylor and family and was made very happy by learning they were all willing for me to have my darling B. Quite warm.

"Sun, Oct 2—Madison C. H. Went down home to see Father & Mother. Willie Hall quite sick. Called to see B. and spent delightful evening.

"Mon, Oct 3—Madison C. H. Went down home. Willie improving. Took tea with Mr. and Mrs. Cave, B. and Miss Thaw there. Sent to Culpeper for carriage.

"Tues, Oct 4—Madison C. H. Spent day in town. Sent to Mt. Zion for Mr. Grimsly (or Grimsby) to perform marriage ceremony. Dined with Dr. & Mrs. Gordon and took tea at Dr. Taylor's. Nice day.

"Wed, Oct 5—Washington. Was married at 9:30 A. M. and left C. H. at 11 A. M. Went by home to say goodbye to all. Arrived here at 10:30. Stopped at 'Ebbitt' hote!. Nice day.

"Thurs, Oct 6—Washington. Visited Navy Yard, Bureau of Printing and Engraving and other places of interest. Nice day.

"Fri, Oct 7—Washington. Visited Mt. Vernon and called at Mr. John Leetches (?). Saw Col. Royal and Lt. Buchanan.

"Sat, Oct 8—Baltimore. Arrived here this forenoon. Saw Mr. Evans and his two daughters. Went to theatre and witnessed 'Widow Bedot'. Called to see Bob Aylor at his hotel but did not see him.

"Sun, Oct 9—Baltimore. Remained at hotel all day. McCreary called to see me. Rained all day.

"Mon, Oct 10—Baltimore. Saw some of city today and done little shopping with Blanche and Dusy Evans. 'Orioles' in procession. Billy Frey & Miss Waite here.

"Tues, Oct 11—Baltimore. Drove around and about the city, the park, etc. and saw some of its most attractive scenery. Large procession at night.

"Wed, Oct 12—Baltimore. Sight seeing all day. Witnessed fireworks at night.

"Thurs, Oct 13—Philadelphia. Left Baltimore this morning and came here. Stopping at 'Plumbers American Hotel'.

"Fri, Oct 14—Philadelphia. Visited Park and Centennial Grounds.

"Sat, Oct 15-New York. Arrived here today. Stopping at Hoffmen House,

"Sun, Oct 16-N. Y. At hotel all day. Went to church at night.

"Mon, Oct 17—N. Y. Done little shopping. Had photo taken."

The accompanying photograph is undoubtedly the one for which John Hunton and his new bride sat on that October day in 1881. It was taken by "Bogardus, 18th St. & Broadway, N. Y." 1 8 8 1



JOHN HUNTON AND HIS BRIDE BLANCHE

"Tues, Oct 18-N. Y. Saw and done but little today. Met Col. Babbitt.

"Wed, Oct 19—N. Y. Done some shopping with Blanche. Met Mr. Blanchard, Col. Babbitt's partner.

"Thurs, Oct 20—New York. Done some sight seeing at Park and other places. Called to see Mr. Smith at North River Bank but did not. Saw Mr. R. H. Williams and got him to identify me at bank.

"Fri, Oct 21—New York. Done little shopping and little sight seeing with Blanche. Went to Grand Opera to see Raymond in 'Frish the American'.

"Sat, Oct 22—Niagra. Left New York 9 A. M. Arrived here at midnight over Erie R. R. Nice trip. Stopped at Cataract House.

"Sun, Oct 23—Great Western R. R. Spent day sight seeing at Niagra and started to Chicago at 2 o'clock.

"Mon, Oct 24—Chicago. Arrived 10 A. M. Stopped at Palmer House. Met Col. J. H. Pratt, Bill Paxton and others.

"Wed, Oct 26—Chicago. Done little shopping and traveled over city some. Saw Holt & Jack Meldrum.

"Thurs, Oct 27—Chicago. Bought crockery and had it shipped by C. B. & Q. R. R. Saw Draper and Noble. Went to hear 'Kellogg' and was disappointed in her singing and the concert generally." For the next three days Mr. Hunton records nothing except "sight seeing" and going to church twice on Sunday—he gives the impression of being just a little bored with inactivity.

"Mon, Oct 31—Chicago. Called at Mateson House to see Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swan who were out."

John Hunton started the financial record of his wedding month with \$1840 "on hand" and lists no eash receipts. His recorded expenditures cover only the first eight days of October, 1881, and include W. J. Cave \$150, Mr. Grimsley (or Grimsby, who married them \$20, Mother \$30, Willie Hall \$10, livery \$9, R. R. to Washington \$5.80, bus and theatre \$3, stationery \$2, gloves \$2.25, slippers \$1.50, Mt. Vernon \$5, Blanche \$100, Hotel Ebbitt \$32 and R. R to Baltimore \$3.40. After that he apparently became too preoccupied with his honeymooning to bother about bookkeeping.

#### NOVEMBER, 1881

"Tues, Nov 1—On C. B. & Q. R. R. Left Chicago for Omaha. Mississippi River very high.

"Wed, Nov 2—Omaha. Arrived here today. Saw Capt. Wilcox & others. Very muddy streets.

"Thurs, Nov 3—Omaha. Done some shopping. Gen. Crook & Mr. J. S. Collins called on us. Also Mrs. Wm. Stephens."

The J. S. Collins who, with Gen. Crook, called on John Hunton and his bride, had been post trader at Fort Laramie from 1872 to 1877. Mr. Collins also



Post Trader's "Sutlers Store" at Old Fort Laramie (Photo courtesy of Russell Thorp, Jr.)

built the Rustic Hotel at the old Fort in 1876 and it became headquarters for the Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Company.

The accompanying sketch by W. H. Jackson is a faithful reproduction of the adobe Post Trader's or Sutler's Store at Fort Laramie, believed to be the oldest permanent structure in the State of Wyoming. The two story building on the hill to the right is the post hospital, now in ruins, and the residence on the left was John Hunton's home for many years following abandonment of Fort Laramie as a military post in 1890. Mr. Hunton was the last of the post traders, receiving his appointment in 1888.

"Sat, Nov 5—Cheyenne, Arrived at 2 P. M. Met many friends and acquaintances. "Sun, Nov 6—Cheyenne. Went to Episcopal church morning service and Methodist evening service."

For nine days John Hunton remained in Cheyenne with his bride, monotonously "doing nothing" except on the following Sunday when he again "went to church twice".

"Wed, Nov 16—Denver. Left word with Ira about loading wagon. Bought some furniture of Craig & Gardner. Come here. Got pass for myself.

"Thurs, Nov 17—Denver. Saw Mr. McMahan. Talked mines. Will keep the Tillotson 1/2 of one eighth. Snowed all day.

"Fri, Nov 18—Denver. Was driven over the city by Mr. McMahan. Saw much improvement. Blanche much pleased with it.

"Sat, Nov 19—Cheyenne. Returned from Denver. Frank Browning been in, loaded and gone, but did not take all the furniture.

"Sun, Nov 20—Cheyenne. Went to church twice. Letter and telegram from Charly Clay.

"Mon, Nov 21—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Borrowed Perry Organ's horses. Blanche and I took ride. John Sechler here to see me about freight.

"Tues, Nov 22—Cheyenne. Went to see Maj. (blank) about freight to load John Sechler, and had promise of freight to load him 2 trips to Fort McKinney.

"Wed, Nov 23-Cheyenne. Doing nothing

but loafing about. Got sewing machine for \$55.

"Thurs, Nov 24 — Cheyenne. Went to church. Dined with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Johnson.

"Sun, Nov 27—Cheyenne. Went to church. Blanche feeling unwell and did not go to morning service but went in evening.

"Tues, Nov 29—Cheyenne. Went to Q. M. office and signed bill of lading. Kelly, McFarlane, McUlvane and others in town. Frank Browning arrived with team and quit. Bought more furniture of Craig & Gardner.

"Wed, Nov 30—Cheyenne. Had axle put in wagon. Got other things. Did not load. E. Nagle bought McFarlane & McUlvane ranch, cattle, etc."

The "cash account" pages for November, 1881 in the back of John Hunton's diary are entirely blank. Marriage, temporarily at least, has certainly knocked his well-ordered customary routine into a cocked hat

## DECEMBER, 1881

"Thurs, Dec 1—Cheyenne. Loaded team with furniture. Bought Baine wagon from Hammond. Settled with Frank Browning, paid him \$1150.

For the next three days Mr. Hunton was once more busy in Cheyenne "doing nothing", except on Sunday when he again "Went to church twice."

"Mon, Dec 5—Cheyenne. Moved from Inter-Ocean hotel to Railroad House, \$4 day with board. Telegram from Tom Hunton painters quit.

"Wed, Dec 7—Cheyenne. Went to Govt. sale at Cheyenne depot and bought six horses and let Luke Voorhees have three of them. Team arrived.

"Thurs, Dec 8—Cheyenne. Team loaded and started. Reed & T. A. Kent got here with buggy.

"Sun, Dec 11—Hi Kelly's. Left Cheyenne this morning. Miss Maxwell, Mrs. Wallace and B. & I in carriage. Chug in my buggy.

"Mon, Dec 12—Bordeaux. Arrived 10 A. M. Everything all right. Men baling hay. House completed except a little painting.

"Tues, Dec 13—Bordeaux. Opening furniture and fixing up. Players dined here.

"Wed, Dec 14—Bordeaux. Opened crockery and other furniture. Bob Walker here tonight. "Thurs. Dec 15—Hi Kelly's. Left home

this afternoon and come here on stage enroute to Cheyenne.

"Frl, Dec 16—Cheyenne. Arrived at 4 P. M. Paid Dick Mantel \$100, he left for England. Met Wild's team going to Fort McKinney.

"Sat, Dec 17—Cheyenne. John Sechler loaded Govt. freight for Fort McKinney.

"Sun, Dec 18—Cheyenne. Did not go to church today. Blanche suffering with tooth.

"Mon, Dec 19-Cheyenne. Took bills of

lading to Q.M. Clay expected today.

"Wed, Dec 21—Cheyenne. Loaded wagons with furniture, coal & wire.

"Thurs, Dec 22—Cheyenne. Grover started home with team.

"Fri, Dec 23—Cheyenne. Charly Clay went to Denver. Arthur Clark here. Introduced him at Cheyenne Club.

"Sat, Dec 24—Cheyenne. Clark went to Denver. Told him to try to get servant girl. Bought some presents for Blanche. Sent painter to Bordeaux.

"Sun, Dec 25—Cheyenne. Bought Christmas presents and sent to sister, Hall, Terrill, Haywood & Stuart, Willie Hall, Sallie & Mother."

For the next two days it was once again, "Cheyenne. Doing nothing."

"Wed, Dec 28 — Cheyenne, Cook come. Named Emil Pritchett, Went to theatre. Blanche unwell, suffering with cold and headache.

"Thurs, Dec 29—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Wrote to Tom Hunton to send team in to take us out. Blanche still unwell. Went to concert.

"Fri, Dec 30—Cheyenne. Signed relinquishment papers to the Janis place as his attorney and give Mr. Mann the power of attorney to forward the papers.

"Sat, Dec 31—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Blanche quite unwell. Dr. Gray has visited her 3 times." 1881 171

The only financial transactions recorded for December, 1881, were the receipt of \$1131.37 from "Clay & Hunton" and the payment of \$1150 to F. S. Browning.

The eratic changes in John Hunton's hand writing, from his usual rather precise script to occasional large and careless scrawls during October, November and December of this, his marriage year e-especially during prolonged periods when he was "doing nothing"—indicate that the alteration in his mode of life which came with matrimony was also accompanied by emotional disturbances.

Perhaps it was the inactivity, the disruption of his previous busy and well ordered routine. Or it may have been that this middle-aged soldier, bullwhacker, freighter and frontiersman found the complete responsibility for and care of a young and perhaps somewhat spoiled girl slightly more than he had bargained for.

Lallee, as was the way of Indian women, probably worked hard, catered to and cared for Hunton's every whim and want. Now the tables were turned. So he sends Arthur Clark, his partner, to Denver looking for a "servant girl". Finding a suitable domestic on the frontier in those days must have taken a bit of doing. White women were still rather few and far between, and were in much demand on the matrimonial market, with a large field of women-hungry men to pick and choose from.

It is also probable that young Blanche did not find her new life all she had anticipated. The transition from that more sheltered and feminine ridden society in which she was raised—where it was not fashionable for "ladies" to work—into the man's world of a still raw frontier must have been rough and have brought upsetting disillusionment to her, as well. And there is no evidence that she fell passionately in love with that expensive new home at Bordeaux which Hunton labored so long to build and furnish for his bride.

But how they stuck it through together until the end of the road—despite rocky hills and dark valleys—is another and a longer story.

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## JANUARY, 1882:

Start of a New Era in More Ways Than One.

A Girl Bride's Auburn Curl.

Blanche Under Doctor's Care in Chevenne Hotel

Buys 102 Oregon Heifers from Hi Kelly for \$2,000.

Newlyweds Leave for Bordeaux Home-Blanche with Lots of Flowers and a Cook.

Busy Time Cleaning House, Moving in Furniture, Laving Carpets, Etc.

Tom Havnes and Billy Irvine Guests at First Meal in New House.

Cook Pritchett Did Not Last Long.

Piano and Servant Girl Arrive from Chevenne. Ice Harvest Completed in Four Days.

Blanche Sick Again-Dr. Marston Summoned from Fort Laramie-Arrives 4 A. M.

## FEBRUARY, 1882:

Breaks Hay Press Horse-Power All to Pieces. A. B. Clark's Sister Visits Bordeaux-Takes First Horseback Ride.

R. S. Van Tassell Driving Beef to Chevenne.

Hauling Hay to Bard's Ranch and Eagles Nest. Starts Large Fencing Project - Shows Bob Grant and Jim Lane Where It Will Cross Public Domain.

How Big Cattle Men Divided Up the Open Range.

G. D. MacDougal Attended Mary Regan's School
—Remembers When Duncan Grant Started
Courting.

To Cheyenne with Gen. Merritt—Blanche and Brother Tom Follow.

The Dashing Dater Brothers Helped Organize the Cheyenne Club—Worked on First Wyoming Brand Book.

Circulates Petition for Bordeaux-Fetterman Mail Route.

Dr. Gray Recommends Medical Treatment for Blanche.

## MARCH, 1882:

A Long Month in Cheyenne with Blanche Under Doctor's Care.

Leavitt's Variety Show Was a Snide Affair.

Makes Model Car Axle and Wheel — Has It Patented.

Hauling Tons of Fence Wire to Bordeaux.

Heart Disease Annoying—Expects to Die Any Day, But Does Not Tell Anyone.

A. B. Clarke Hiring Men for Roundup—Gives Note and Mortgage on Cattle.

Buys Carriage of Wm. Swan for \$300—Has New Top Put on Buggy.

Loans F. M. Phillips Team and Buggy to Drive Home from Cheyenne.

Buys Chug Springs Ranch from B. W. Madill for \$600.

## APRIL, 1882:

Stock Association Meeting Draws Crowd from All Parts of Territory.

Bids with John Coad on Hay for Fort Laramie.

Posey Ryan Hauls Some Good Potatoes to Bordeaux.

Somebody Broke Blanche's Fish Bowl.

Fencing in Some 14,000 Acres of Public Domain.

Butcher Phillips Comes to Dinner—Buys "Nubbins".

Miss Clarke Goes to Denver.

Tommv Hawk Needs Five Tons of Hay.

Blanche Considerably More Expensive Than Was Lallee.

#### MAY, 1882:

Chugwater Nearest Telegraph Station to Bordeaux.

Annie Maxwell a Visitor at Hunton Home. Wet Spring-Heavy Snows and Rains-Grass

Prospects Good.

E. Nagle and Heck Reel Roundups Near Bor-

deaux.
Terrill Taylor Arrives—After a Stopover in

the Cheyenne Calaboose.

Fifth Cavalry Camps at Bordeaux—Gives a Serenade.

Dr. Bock Operates on Bull—Fee "Exhorbitant". Bargains with Bettelyoun to Put Up Hay.

Provines Surveys John Owens' Place and Ditch for Tom Hunton's Desert Claim.

Luke Voorhees Moving Stage Station from Bor-

deaux to Chug Springs.

#### JUNE, 1882:

George Morgan Has Blooded Cattle on Cheyenne Hereford Ranch.

Van Tassell Drives Bull Herd from Cheyenne Through Bordeaux.

Spring Roundup and Colt Breaking Time.

Finishes Big Pasture Fence—Drives Out All Cattle—Starts Cross Fencing.

Hi Kelly Repairing Chugwater Bridge.

Brands the Kelly Calves "LD".

George Drake Delivers Stage Co. Hay at Fort Laramie.

Sale of Government Horses at the Old Fort.
Building Stage Company Stables at Chug
Springs.

1882 Brand Book Sold for \$15.

#### JULY 1882:

Wolves Attack and Injure Four Calves.

Hauling Hay to New Chug Springs Stage Station.

Blanche Fires Lucy Strong—"Patsy" is New Hired Girl at Bordeaux.

Hires Ten "Hands" in Cheyenne—Haying at Bordeaux Starts July 13.

Wilson Woods' Homestead Became Fergie Mitchell's Ranch.

Frenchy Cazaubon Was Popular Little Peddler With a Store on Wheels.

A. B. Clarke to Run Cattle for \$37.50 per Month. Buys Raffle Ticket on Gen. Merritt's Shot Gun. Upset About Something-Does Not Say What, G. Bolln Was Pioneer Merchant of Fort Fetterman and Douglas.

## AUGUST, 1882:

Haying Completed at Bordeaux-8-Man Crew Moves to Platte Meadows.

Hi Kelly Family and Mrs. Maxwell Visit at Bordeaux.

Sturgis & Lane Ranch House Built of Sod-With Plenty of Loop Holes to Shoot Through.

Colts Out of Pasture-Somebody Left the Bars Down.

Hauling \$400 Worth of Hay to Chug Springs Stage Station.

Blanche Guest of Capt. Woodson While Hunton Hays on the Platte.

Hill & Wilde Agree to Haul and Stack 200 Tons Hay.

Carpenter Charley Sears Finishes Barn at Rordeaux

Tom Hunton Leaves for Virginia to Wed Mora Evans.

Has Bad Case of Hav Fever-Only the Name Not Yet Invented.

Blanche Sworn in as Bordeaux Postoffice Clerk -Takes Desert Land Claim.

Crawford and Terrill Taylor on a Spree.

Knight Templar Uniform Costs \$70-Whiskey \$10 a Gallon.

#### SEPTEMBER, 1882:

New Letter Box for Bordeaux Postoffice.

Platte Meadow Hay Harvest Completed—Baling Starts.

General Forsythe Guest at Bordeaux.

Wilson Woods Given 25 Percent Discount on Hay.

Blanche Attends Sunday School Regularly— John Prefers Hunting.

Blacksmith Foss Shoes Horses at Bordeaux.

Blanche Meets Tom Hunton and Bride Mora With Carriage in Cheyenne.

Pratt & Ferris Building Grout Houses.

Capt. Woodson, Green and Hunton Bag 218 Ducks.

George and Tommy Hawk Were Stage Station Agents at Eagles Nest and Fort Laramie.

### OCTOBER, 1882:

Teschemacher & deBillier's and Heck Reel's Beef Herds Pass Bordeaux.

Has Property Insured for \$18,000 by Kent & Arnold.

Arnold.

Elected Delegate from Chug Precinct to Demo-

cratic Convention.

Dick Elgin Killed in Fetterman Saloon by
"Arkansas Red" Capp.

Bob Walker Rents Winter Pasture for \$1 per Head.

Head.
Buys 106 Heifers from Organ & Draper —

Drives Them from Cheyenne to Bordeaux. Oliver P. Goodwin Bought Fagan's Road Ranch and Stage Station. Brands 101 Cows Bought from Kelly-Also the Organ & Draper Heifers.

Madame Selig Offered Variety of Hospitality at Nine Mile Ranch.

Stage Driver Charles Griffin Bought Calamity Jane's Trunk

Isaac Bettelvoun Fought Indians on the Laramie in 1867

## NOVEMBER, 1882:

Smelting Company Buys Hay at \$20 per Ton. Capitalist N. K. Fairbanks Gave Wyoming Ghost Town Its Name.

Hi Kelly and Voorhees Beaten in Election.

Off for Long Visit in Madison, C. H., Virginia. Stopover in Missouri-Rain and Mud but Nice Weather for St. Louis.

Welcomed by Friends and Relatives-But Inactive Life very Boring.

Blanche Has Good Money Month, Plus a \$300 Ring-And They Traveled in Style.

### DECEMBER, 1882:

Local News and Public Sales In and Around Madison, Virginia.

Buys Six Hogs for \$71-Salts Down 985 Lbs. of Pork

Dull Christmas - Except for the Boys and Negros.

Blocks Road Change in Court-Gen. Kemper His Attorney.

Glad to Start Back to Wyoming. A Land Warrant from War of 1812. Buys Wire from Coad at \$20.50 per 1000 and Hay Press for \$350.

Debts Total \$30,000 at Year's End — Cattle Boom Gathering Momentum.

# Part Three 1882

When John Hunton settled down seriously to keeping a daily record of his life and activities, on January 1, 1875, he estimated his assets at \$9,000 against debts totaling more than \$16,000 and doubted that he would ever get them paid. But the ensuing years saw his emergence as one of the largest government contractors, bull-train freighters and cattle men on the booming Wyoming frontier.

The year 1882 marks the start of a new era in his life. His rough-and-ready days as a bullwhacker and frontier squawman are over and he is embarking on the new year with a brand new bride of half his years. It is a radical change which he seems to find a bit disconcerting at times, but it leads him on to a rapid climb in the business, political and social affairs of the territory.

His diary for 1882 is a beautiful little pocketized book, bound in a double cover of soft, fine red leather, with gold edged pages. It is perfectly preserved to this day. In the front are fifteen pages of printed information—calendar; astronomical data; interest tables; table of wage scales ranging from 5c to 40c an hour, 50c to 54 a day and \$3 to \$24 a week, all based on "the usual calculation of 10 hours to a day"; postage rates; the population of states, territories and principal cities (Wyoming is shown as having 20,788 inhabitants), and James A. Garffield was the twentieth president of these

United States. In the back are "Cash Account" pages for each month and additional sheets for memoranda, etc.

In the front pocket of this book there is a ringlet of auburn hair, from the head of his girl-bride it is safe to assume. John Hunton and Blanche have long since finished their days on this bewildering globe, but that curl still glistens brightly in the sun, alive and soft to the touch.

New Years Day of 1882 finds Hunton and Blanche in the Rail Road House in Cheyenne, where she has been under the care of Dr. Gray for several days. Their newly completed two-story, lime-concrete house awaits them at Bordeaux.

### JANUARY, 1882

"Sun, Jan 1—Cheyenne. Making arrangements to move to ranch. John Cleveland come in with team and buggy. Did not go to church today. Blanche quite unwell and remained in room all day.

"Mon, Jan 2—Cheyenne. Made all necessary arrangements to go to Bordeaux. Settled bills, etc. Bought 102 head of Orrigon heiffers from H. B. Kelly for \$2,000—he to deliver them.

"Tues, Jan 3—Bard's Ranch. John Cleveland drove wagon with baggage and cook on. Blanche got lot of flowers of Mrs. Chaffin. Arrived here 4 P. M. Nice day, little snow.

"Wed, Jan 4-Bordeaux. Nooned at Maxwell's. Paid bill for staying there when I brought Miss Maxwell and friends home. Arrived here at 4 P. M. House all finished but not cleaned up much. A. B. Clarke arrived with horses bought of Kingman.

"Thurs, Fri, Jan 5, 6—Bordeaux. Cleaning up house, fixing furniture, etc. Men baling hay.

"Sat, Jan 7—Bordeaux. Arranging furniture, getting provisions in house, etc. Men baling hay, finished stack and hauled some. Tom Haynes and Billy Irvine here tonight, took supper, first meal, in new house.

"Sun, Jan 8—Bordeaux. Settled with Tom Haynes who owes me \$5,440, subject to credits by Clay of amt. due on freight. Took his two notes for \$2500 each for one and two years and chgd. his account with \$440. Sent A. B. Clarke to Hi Kelly's after cattle.

"Mon, Jan 9 --- Bordeaux. Hauled baled hay. Recd. 98 head of the Kelly heiffers. Pritchett, the cook, sick. Player here tonight.

"Tues, Jan 10—Bordeaux. Moved all the cattle to the meadow and all mares and colts to the Owens' field. Killed hogs.

"Wed, Jan 11 — Bordeaux. Pritchett the cook quit and went to Cheyenne. Started six and two-horse teams to Cheyenne. Sent hay to Bard's ranch.

"Thurs, Jan 12—Bordeaux. Fixing furniture in house. Sent H. B. Kelly \$2000.

"Sat, Jan 14-Bordeaux. Finished putting down carpets, arranging furniture, etc. Very windy.

"Sun, Jan 15 — Bordeaux. Charly Wild camped here with teams he bought of Clay, going to Fort Fetterman. Wrote many letters today. Snowing all day, wind from N. E.

"Mon, Jan 16—Bordeaux. Doing nothing. Fixed lock. Dolly lost her calf. Thermometer 15 below zero last night.

"Tues, Jan 17—Bordeaux. Teschemacher, Johnny Owens & others here tonight. A. B. Clarke returned from Cheyenne, brought servant girl and plano.

"Wed, Jan 18—Bordeaux. Not doing much. John Cleveland got home with teams loaded with lumber & wire.

"Thurs, Jan 19—Bordeaux. Fixing to make ice. Working in shop. Two of the Oregon helffers have calves. John Cleveland sick.

"Fri, Jan 20-Bordeaux. Comcd. making ice.

"Mon, Jan 23-Bordeaux. Finished making ice.

"Wed, Jan 25—Bordeaux. Made some wire fence along the road. Doing little work in shop and on hay scales. John Sechler's teams passed.

"Fri, Jan 27—Bordeaux. Hauling old pole fence. Charly Wild passed. Phillips went home to ranch.

"Sat, Jan 28—Bordeaux. Bob Walker & wife here. Blanche quite sick.

"Sun, Jan 29-Bordeaux. Wrote some let-

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ters. Blanche quite sick. Sent for Dr. Marston.

"Mon, Jan 30—Bordeaux. Dr. Marston arrived about 4 o'clock this morning, prescribed for Blanche, left medicine, etc. Fee \$40. Tom took him back to Fort Laramie. John Cleveland to Cheyenne with six-horse team for coal, corn, etc.

"Tues, Jan 31—Bordeaux. Done nothing today but stay in house with Blanche who is improving. Phillips, Teschemacher and others here tonight."

Mr. Hunton lists the following receipts for January, 1882: bar \$125.61, Stebbins Post & Co. \$3,050, Jim Monroe \$45.50 and A. B. Clarke \$2.50.

His recorded expenditures include: Ira Fredendall \$316, G. M. Jones \$61.50, Bard road ranch \$4, H. B. Kelly \$2,000, John Cleveland \$70.50, A B. Clarke \$54, Clarke & Hunton \$250, E. Nagle \$113.61, H. A. Calland \$100, Willie Hall \$50, Dr. Marston \$40 and D. Miller \$50

## FEBRUARY, 1882

"Wed, Feb 1 — Bordeaux. Rode around and marked out where I want to run fence in head of Goshen Hole. Men sawing stays for fence.

"Thurs, Feb 2 — Bordeaux. Done little work in shop. Posy Ryan camped here with teams. He settled with and paid me \$154.50. Blanche very near well.

"Sun, Feb 5-Bordeaux, Bronson here

tonight going to his ranch. Blanche and I rode out today. Splendid day.

"Mon, Feb 6—Bordeaux. A. B. Clarke started to Cheyenne for his sister. John Cleveland arrived with team. Working in shop. John Sechler's train passed to Fort McKinney.

"Tues, Feb 7-Bordeaux. Moved hay press and comcd. baling. Working in shop.

"Wed, Feb 8—Bordeaux. Broke hay press horse-power all to pieces. All day fixing it.

"Thurs, Feb 9-Bordeaux. Finished fixing and started power to work. A. B. Clarke arrived with his sister. Worked some in shop.

"Fri, Feb 10—Bordeaux. Men baling hay.
Worked some in shop. Parker's train passed

"Sat, Feb 11—Bordeaux. Finished wire stretcher. Repaired press. Men baled some hay. George Drake here. Told him would take hay to Eagles Nest.

"Sun, Feb 12 — Bordeaux. Van Tassell passed with beef for Cheyenne. George took buggy ride.

"Mon, Feb 13—Bordeaux. Started team to Cheyenne, took ton hay to Bard's. Sent ½ ton hay to Barry & 1 ton to Eagles Nest by A. B. Clarke. Worked on press.

"Wed, Feb 15 — Bordeaux. Worked in shop. Hunter's Govt. train passed to Fort Laramie. Colin Hunter here tonight.

"Thurs, Feb 16-Bordeaux. Done little

work in shop. Tom finished hay scales, Mares still losing colts.

"Fri, Feb 17 — Bordeaux. Rode out to show Bob Grant where to put posts and Jim Lane where I would build fence. Jim Lane here to dinner. Miss Clarke took her first horseback ride & done very well."

That Mr. Hunton should take his ranch neighbors Bob Grant and Jim Lane and show them where he proposed to build a fence may have more significance than the above casual entry indicates. Hunton's men have been busy of late cutting fence "stays" and his teams have hauled large quantities of wire from Cheyenne. It appears that he has a major fencing project in mind.

In those days the large ranchers more or less apportioned the public domain among themselves by gentlemen's agreements and frequently built fences to divide and mark the boundaries of those vast, free pastures. It is known that John Hunton built a great many miles of them—so it is quite possible that Bob Grant and Jim Lane had more than a passing interest in where he built this one.

In later years, when the homesteaders came in ever increasing numbers and the government ordered such fences removed from the public domain, John Hunton abandoned his to the new settlers and many an early farmer's field was enclosed with posts and wire from the Hunton fences.

Robert Grant had one of the early ranches on Reshaw Creek and he was of the same clan as Duncan Grant, top foreman of the Swan ranches. G. D. MacDougall, of Denver, Colorado, knew Robert and Duncan Grant as a boy. Mr. MacDougall's father and uncle both had early ranches on Reshaw Creek and he attended the school in that area taught by Mary Reagan, who became Duncan Grant's wife and he recalls when Duncan started courting her.

As previously recorded herein Duncan Grant's father was named Robert and accompanied his son from Scotland to this country where they remained closely associated until parted by the father's death in 1900.

"Sun, Feb 19—Cheyenne. Left home this morning with Gen. Merritt and got here at 7 o'clock.

"Mon, Feb 20 — Cheyenne. Attended to some little business. Gen. Merritt & Col. Hart dined with me at the Cheyenne club.

"Tues, Feb 21—Cheyenne. Paid Swan bal. on cattle. Telegram from Tom he and Blanche were coming to town. Tom Haynes give me mortgage on cattle.

"Wed, Feb 22—Cheyenne. Tom & Blanche arrived. Saw Dater's horses."

Phillip and James Dater were two wealthy and dashing young men who came west from New York to get in on Wyoming's booming cow business of the 80's. They were play-boy companions of the Oelrich brothers, Teschemacher and deBillier and others of Cheyenne's pioneer smart set. The Dater brothers, together with Thomas and William Sturgis, Jr., N. R. Davis, H. G. Hay, W. C. Lane, C. M. Oelrich and E. B. Bronson incorporated the famous

Cheyenne Club in 1880. Phil Dater was its president until he died in 1890. He also worked with Francis E. Warren in compiling Wyoming's first brand book.

"Thurs, Feb 23—Cheyenne. Wrote to J. E. McCleary. Trying to get papers fixed for mail route to Fort Fetterman. Finest day of the season.

"Fri, Feb 24.—Cheyenne. Engaged all day in circulating petition for mail route from Bordeaux to Fort Fetterman. Took red cross de gree.

"Sat, Feb 25—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Dr. Gray thinks it very necessary that Blanche receive medical treatment at once. Will go home tomorrow. Hi Kelly arrived from Miss-

"Sun, Feb 26—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne this morning, arrived at 9 P. M. Drove Bird & Goose.

"Tues, Feb 28 — Bordeaux. Sent A. B. Clarke to Platte Meadows to look after hay. Done nothing."

Mr. Hunton records these receipts for February, 1882: John (Posey) Ryan \$154.50, Maj. Lord \$45.38, Bard for hay \$18, A. B. Clarke \$10, 1st Nat. Bank \$500 and C. Wild \$40.

His listed expenditures include: Blanche \$\$2, A. B. Clarke \$30, Lucy Strong \$30, expense to Cheyenne \$2, R. R. Hotel \$2.50, Leader Print Co. \$13, Cowhick shoes etc. \$9.75, A. H. Swan \$355, Jim Monroe \$17, H. Ellis \$1.50, breastpin \$5, Stage Co. \$11, D. D. Dare for paint \$60 and numerous small items such as oranges, tooth brush, camphor ice, ticket to concert, etc.

## MARCH, 1882

"Wed, Mar 1-Bard's Ranch. Left home this morning with Blanche. Colin Hunter passed for Cheyenne.

"Thurs, Mar 2—Cheyenne. Arrived and put up at Interocean hotel. Frank Browning here.

"Fri, Mar 3—Cheyenne. Frank Browning started to Bordeaux with team and buggy. Curly Coleman loaded lumber for flume.

"Sat, Mar 4—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Dr. Gray treated Blanche.

"Sun, Mar 5--Cheyenne. Went to Presbyterian Church. Blanche did not go.

"Mon, Mar 6—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Got \$100 of Stebbins Post & Co.

"Tues, Mar 7—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Blanche & I went to see Leavitts Variety show which was a snyde affair.

"Thurs, Mar 9—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Went to Presbyterian festival at night & spent \$2.20.

"Fri, Mar 10—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Letter from Frank. Wrote releasing him from post contract. Snow melting.

"Sat, Mar 11—Cheyenne. Had model made for patent car axle.

"Sun, Mar 12-Cheyenne. Went to Epis-

copal Church.

"Mon, Mar 13—Cheyenne. Sent patent for car axle and wheel to D. B. Gallatin to get it patented. Saw Capt. Quinn. Attended hop.

"Tues, Mar 14—Cheyenne. Sent out 2000 lbs. wire by Turpin. Felt symptoms of heart disease coming on all day."

The above shipment of a ton of wire confirms that Mr. Hunton is starting a major fence building project. The Turpin who hauled it for him was one Dick Turpin, a well known bull-train freighter of the day.

"Wed, Mar 15—Cheyenne. Went to Govt. sale. Made no purchases. Heart disease very annoying. Feel as if I might die at any time. Have never told Blanche or anyone about it.

"Thurs, Mar 16 — Cheyenne. Slept but little last night on account of heart trouble. Done nothing.

"Fri, Mar 17 — Cheyenne.. A. B. Clarke come to town to hire men for roundup and brought buggy I am having top put on.

"Sat, Mar 18 — Cheyenne. Took A. B. Clarke's notes for what he owes me on cattle and mortgage on cattle to secure notes. Clarke hired men & made preparations for roundup.

"Sun, Mar 19—Cheyenne. In room all day. Clarke went home. Phillips & family arrived in town.

"Tues, Mar 21—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Bought carriage of Wm. Swan for \$300—he to put it in good order.

"Wed, Mar 22—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Skew Johnson left for his ranche. Sent out load corn and wire by Ben Smalley."

Benjamin Smalley who is hauling corn and still more wire for Hunton from Cheyenne to Bordeaux is the same freighter who saved his mules from perishing in the great March blizzard of 1878 by stabling them in his kitchen when the mule shed roof caved in under the weight of snow. (See pages 57 and 58, Vol. 3.)

"Thurs, Mar 23—Cheyenne. Sent out load corn & wire by Curly Coleman.

"Fri, Mar 24—Cheyenne. Phillips & wife went to his ranch with my team and buggy.

"Sun, Mar 26—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Went to Episcopal Church at night.

"Tues, Mar 28—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Wrote Tom Hunton to send team in

"Wed, Mar 29—Cheyenne. Hired cook to

"Thurs, Mar 30 — Cheyenne. Bought the Chug Springs Ranche from B. W. Madill for \$600.

"Fri Mar 31—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Tillotson, Searight, Brigman and others returned from the East."

Although Mr. Hunton spent the entire month of March, 1882 in Cheyenne, mostly "doing nothing", while Blanche received medical treatment from Dr. Gray, he did manage to transact quite a little business and considerable money passed through his hands.

He records the following receipts: Stebbins Post & Co. \$924.50, J. E. McCreary \$8,000, Bradley for hay \$50, L. Voorhees \$170 and Ranche \$350.25.

Among his recorded expenditures are: N. Robeson \$23, fair \$2.05. H. Haas \$24.50. E. Nagle \$400. J. W. Hammond \$300, Patent Office \$26, making model \$5, A. B. Clarke \$20, buttons & ribbons \$3, Stock Association \$21, H. A. Calland \$210, Fred Schwartz \$45.80, F. E. Warren \$17.50, raffle \$2, stamps \$2, Van Tassell \$3, D. Miller \$15, Bill Zimmer \$5, Wilson Turner \$22.15, E. Nagle for Tom Hunton acct. \$64.94, Addoms & Glover \$19.65, Cheyenne Lodge No. 1 \$5, rubber bands \$1.20, Blanche \$118, Stebbins Post & Co. \$8,040, Cheyenne Club \$47, beer & cigars \$9.85, board \$30, church \$1.25, wine \$4, theatre \$2.50, books & candy \$3.25 and about \$15 for sundries.

## **APRIL, 1882**

"Sat, Apr 1—Cheyenne. Making out bids for contracts.

"Mon, Apr 3—Cheyenne. Meeting of Stock Association. Many people here from all parts of the Territory.

"Tues, Apr 4—Cheyenne. Made out bids with John Coad for Fort Laramie hay at \$19 and \$22.50.

"Wed and Thurs, Apr 5 and 6-Cheyenne. Doing nothing.

"Fri, Apr 7 — Cheyenne. Loaded some good potatoes etc. on Posey Ryan's teams and made other preparations to go home.

"Sat, Apr 8—Cheyenne. Had made all arrangements to start to Bordeaux but did not start on account of high wind. Filled out and sent blds to Maj. Lord for supplies and transportation.

"Sun, Apr 9—Kelly's Ranch. Left Cheyenne and arrived here. Chas. Sears the carpenter with us. Ground quite wet from snow on Chug.

"Mon, Apr 10—Bordeaux. Arrived 10 A. M. Men baling hay. Everything seems to be getting along all right. Told Luke Voorhees to put in bid on mail at \$1200 a year.

"Tues, Apr 11—Bordeaux. Baling hay part of day. Black camping here, shod horses,"

The Mr. Black who shod horses while camping at Bordeaux may have been Tom Black, a stock tender and station master at Raw Hide Buttes for the Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Company from 1882 to 1886.

"Wed, Apr 12 — Bordeaux. Cleaned up stable lots. Carpenter Sears worked on house.

"Thurs, Apr 13—Bordeaux. Moved posts and other things from Johnny Owens' Chug Springs.

"Fri, Apr 14 — Bordeaux. Men digging post holes on divide between Goshen Hole and Chug Springs. Got badly sun burnt.

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"Sat, Apr 15—Bordeaux. Bronson, Meyer, Geo. Searight & others passed north. F. M. Phillips passed to Cheyenne.

"Sun, Apr 16—Bordeaux. Rode out and looked after cattle which are doing well. Swan sent 8 head Ayershire cattle here. Blanche's fish globe broken.

"Mon, Apr 17 — Bordeaux. Having wire distributed around fence and find it will take much more than I thought it would."

John Hunton's Bordeaux ranch included about 6.000 acres of patented land and in addition he built a good four-wire fence around some 14,000 acres of the public domain. Four-wire fences were his invariable rule. He lectured the writer sternly several times on fence construction, contending that three-wire jobs were not worth building. Several miles of John Hunton's four-wire fence still enclose land near the Fort Laramie National Historic Site. which belonged to him in later years. Some of the original corner and gate posts are of pitch pine, a foot or so in diameter. They have been in the ground more than half a century and are still solid as a rock. The writer inadvertently tried to butt one of them over with an automobile some years ago. The gate post won that bout by a knockout.

"Tues, Apr 18 — Bordeaux. Hauling and setting posts, making hinges, etc.

"Thurs, Apr 20—Bordeaux. Men baling hay. Covered chicken house. Wrote Phillips about hay. Col. Hart and Capt. Hays passed north. Stopped baling hay and moved press. "Sat, Apr 22 — Bordeaux. Working on fence. Colin Hunter here tonight. Two men come to work.

"Sun, Apr 23 — Bordeaux. Recd. lot of freight, lumber etc. Hawk Bros. got some of the Madill cattle. Phillips here to dinner. Sold him 'Nubbins'.

"Mon, Apr 24—Bordeaux. Two men comcd. work. Comcd. putting up wire from upper corner to Goshen Hole. George Drake here and bargained to work.

"Tues, Apr 25 — Bordeaux. Working on fence, house, etc. Large lot of men here tonight.

"Wed, Apr 26 — Bordeaux. Working on fence. Miss Clarke left for Denver.

"Thurs, Apr 27—Bordeaux. Work on fence. Tommy Hawk wants 5 tons hay. Put up press and comcd. baling.

"Sat, Apr 29—Bordeaux. Completed fence from upper corner to 'Hole'. Quit baling hay. George Drake come to go to work.

"Sun, Apr 30—Bordeaux. Nothing done today. Heck Reel went to Cheyenne."

Mr. Hunton lists these receipts for April, 1882: Stebbins Post & Co. \$1026.50, 1st Nat. Bank \$1000, bar \$186.50 and Madill \$125.

The following are among his recorded expenditures: McCreary \$728. Land Office \$184. pans & scales \$10.75. I. Greenton \$55. Dr. Gray \$26, John Chase \$140. livery \$9. Terrill Taylor \$70, J. G. Kemper \$270, jewelry for Blanche \$11, book \$6.65, whip \$4, freezer \$4, Stage Co. \$6.50, Lucy Strong \$60, freight \$40, drinks & cigars \$4.40, medicine \$4.85, wine \$2, Cheyenne Club \$33 and Blanche \$140.

## MAY, 1882

"Mon, May 1—Bordeaux. Men went to Goshen Hole to make fence.

"Tues, May 2 — Bordeaux. Took wire to 'Hole' and hauled some hay. Load freight arrived. Loaned T. A. Kent team to go to his ranch.

"Wed, May 3—Bordeaux. Took gate & wire to 'Hole'. Crawford quit work. Kent here.

"Thurs, May 4—Bordeaux. Hauled hay all day. Crawford agrees to finish the grout house for \$55. Kent did not get off on coach. Telegram from Q. M. about Fort McKinney hay.

"Fri, May 5 — Bordeaux. Went to Chug Water. Telegraphed Collins, Snyder and Maj. Lord. No answers. Kent went down on coach. Annie Maxwell come home with me.

"Sat, May 6 — Bordeaux. Went to Chug Water. Took Miss Maxwell home. Telegram from Maj. Lord—nothing important. Rained all night and some today.

"Sun, May 7—Bordeaux. Men come over from fence camp and went back. Glover, Ford and others at Ranche tonight. Dalsy has colt. Cloudy and rainy all day.

"Mon, May 8-Bordeaux. Looking after stock and not doing much. Glover, Ford & Campbell here laying over in storm. Snowed all last night and nearly all day.

"Thurs, May 11—Bordeaux. Hauling wire to fence. Planting potatoes, sowed wheat. Maj. Sniffin camped here.

"Fri, May 12—Bordeaux. George Drake started to Cheyenne with team. Frewens' bulls here. Teschemacher's outfit here.

"Sat, May 13—Bordeaux. Frewens' bulls in pasture. Mr. Armstrong with them. Went to Chug Springs where fence outfil is camped and staked out fence. E. Nagle's roundup outfit here tonight.

"Sun, May 14—Bordeaux. Rode about some. Heck Reel and others passed to roundup at Fort Laramie.

"Mon, May 15-Bordeaux. Took wire to Chug Springs. Rode around fence.

"Wed, May 17—Bordeaux. Doing nothing today. Crawford finished plastering chicken house.

"Thurs, May 18—Bordeaux. Staked line of fence. Holes dug this side of Chug Springs. Team got back from Cheyenne. Player, Jim Berry and others here. Crawford made foundation.

"Fri, May 19-Bordeaux. Took two loads posts to Chug Springs. Snowed nearly all day.

"Sat, May 20—Bordeaux. Sent two loads posts to Chug Springs. Terrill Taylor arrived and informed me he had been in the calaboose in Cheyenne. Load wire come. 5th Cavalry camped here tonight and give serenade."

It is assumed that the Terrill Taylor who had been a guest in Cheyenne's bastille for reasons unknown, was Blanche's brother from Madison, Virginia, and that the \$70 John Hunton sent him (see April record of expenditures) was for transportation west. Further notation anent Mr. Taylor is made in the back of the 1882 diary as follows:

### Memorandum

"Not charged in any other book: Terrill Taylor—Cash sent him \$70, cash, check \$25, boots \$6.50, overalls \$1.75, cash for tobacco \$6.50, clothing \$7, pants \$3, flanel suits \$9 and gloves \$2."

"Sun, May 21—Bordeaux. Doctor Bock operated on bull by putting a seaton (seton) through tumor & charged \$20 which was exhorbitant. Lt. Brown, 4th Infty. passed to Fort Laramie. Letter from Mr. W. G. Bullock.

"Mon, May 22—Fort Laramie. Left home this morning, come by Bullock place, found everything all right. Grass growing and looking splendid. Nice big snow storm nearly all day.

"Tues, May 23—Meadow on Platte. Passed roundup at Cold Springs. Meadow looking short but good stand grass. Fence all right.

"Wed, May 24—Bordeaux. Returned across country. Everything all right. Bean's team brought load posts.

"Thurs, May 25 - Bordeaux. Separated

mares & colts. Sent wire to Chug Springs. Bargained with Bettelyoun to cut & deliver hay at Bullock place, baled at \$10, loose \$7.

"Fri, May 26—Bordeaux. Greasing harness. Bargained with Bettelyoun to put in 100 tons baled hay at \$14.50 and 100 tons loose at \$12 ton. Rained hard all day.

"Sat, May 27—Bordeaux. Not doing much. Provines come to do some surveying.

"Mon, May 29—Bordeaux. Surveyed the John Owens' place and dirch on Tom Hunton's desert claim. Luke Voorhees will move stage station to Chuq Springs and wants hay.

"Tues, May 30—Bordeaux. Finished ditch surveys. Phillips here tonight.

"Wed, May 31—Bordeaux. Provines went to Phillips' to survey. Fixing harness, breaking colts. Fence party moved to ranch."

In May, 1882 Hunton's bar at Bordeaux did the best business so far recorded. He shows the following receipts: bar \$296, Drake \$6 and Hawk hay \$25.

Listed expenditures for the month include: Kelpi for hogs \$20, freight \$62.08, Calland \$119, Freight to Bean \$52.83, Nagle \$150, Hammond \$150, George Drake \$70, butter \$22, Lucy Strong (hired girl) \$30, Stebbins Post & Co. \$109.50, Crawford \$37.50, freight on wire \$37.13, Dr. Bock \$20, expense at Post \$13 and Blanche \$20.

### JUNE, 1882

"Thurs, June 1-Bordeaux. Cut & brand-

ed colts.

"Fri, June 2 — Bordeaux. Making fence, greasing harness, etc. Rain.

"Sat, June 3—Bordeaux. Handling colts etc. Team arrived from Chevenne.

"Sun, June 4—Bordeaux. Rode out with Blanche. Done some blacksmithing on man's wagon.

"Mon, June 5—Cheyenne. Left home this morning on mail wagon. Arrived here at 7 P.M.

"Tues, June 6 — Cheyenne. Attending to business. Sent affidavit to Gen. J. L. Kemper. Bought some bulls of Morgan."

George Morgan is credited by Wheatland Pioneer Johnny Gordon as being among the first to bring blooded Hereford cattle into Wyoming on what is now the world-famous Hereford Ranch near Cheyenne. Mr. Gordon recalls in his memoirs, as published in Virginia Cole Trenholm's "Footprints on the Frontier", that he purchased four weaned calves from Mr. Morgan in the early '80s at \$400 each. Since that price is about the equivalent of paying \$2000 for a calf today, they must have been good stock and very scarce.

"Wed, June 7—Cheyenne. Settled bank account. Only \$25 to my credit. Nice letter from my darling wife. Went to bull pasture and selected 3 bulls. Van Tassell will drive them. Dined at Van Tassell's.

"Thurs, June 8-Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne on buckboard this morning, arrived here 41/2 P.

M. Everything all right. Blanche and Tom met me in buggy. Heavy rain all along the valley.

"Fri, June 9—Bordeaux. Men working on partition fence. George Drake returned from Fort Laramie. Tom went to Cheyenne.

"Sat, June 10—Bordeaux. Working on fence and in shop. Hauled posts from Chug Springs. Roundup in neighborhood. Some rain.

"Mon, June 12—Bordeaux. Men making fence. Trying to break some colts. Phillips passed. Some rain.

"Tues, June 13—Bordeaux. Making fence. Finished putting wire around big fence. Drove all cattle out of big pasture. Van Tassell passed with bulls, my bulls all right.

"Wed, June 14—Bordeaux. Working on fence and ditch. Breaking some colts. Swan, Frank & others went to Sybille creek. Tom Hunton returned from Cheyenne.

"Thurs, June 15-Bordeaux. Working on cross fence. Breaking colts. Swan outfit returned. Light showers.

"Fri, June 16—Bordeaux. Went to Chug Water to see about bridges. One bridge washed out. Hi Kelly will repair it. Branded the 16 bulls of Phieffers.

"Sat, June 17 — Bordeaux. Working on fence and ditches. Branded the Kelly calves LD.

"Sun, June 18—Bordeaux. Dater, Harringeon & T. A. Kent passed north. Geo. Searight south.

"Mon, June 19—Bordeaux. Gentling colts. Making fence. Sent George Drake to Fort Laramie with Stage Co. hay. Hi Kelly here tonight, also F. M. Phillips. Colin Hunter & C. A. Miller went to Cheyenne. Very heavy rain.

"Tues, June 20—Fort Laramie. Come here today with Hi Kelly and bought 3 Govt. horses. Kelly bought 4. Horses sold high."

Mr. Hunton paid \$259.70 for those three government horses—see June expenditures.

"Wed, June 21—Bordeaux. Brought horses home today. Lt. Rockwell & Co. of soldiers going to Fort McKinney here last night."

For the next three days Mr. Hunton's only activities consisted of "making fence and breaking colts."

"Sun, June 25—Bordeaux. Doing nothing. Mr. W. G. Bullock come and is looking well.

"Mon, June 26—Bordeaux. Breaking colts, making fence, etc. Started two teams to Cheyenne with Frank & Ford. Light rain.

"Tues, June 27-Bordeaux. Comcd. foundations for stable. Handling colts etc.

"Wed, June 28—Bordeaux. Working on stable at Chug Springs for Stage Company. Some rain.

"Thurs, June 29—Bordeaux. Work on Chug Springs stable. George Drake went to Cheyenne. Whitcomb & Guitterman here to breakfast."

John Hunton's recorded receipts for June, 1882 are: bar \$85, Stebbins Post & Co. \$835.40, Hawk \$106.30, G. Drake \$65, C. Sears \$130 and Van Tassell \$75.

His listed expenditures include: Geo. Masters \$27.50, D. Waring \$37.58, Stebbins Post & Co. \$1142, Presbyterian Church \$12.50, charm & pin \$5, brand book \$15, Clarke & Hunton \$160, cigars etc. \$3.25, meals & hotel \$15.75, freight \$18, Blanche \$65, Lucy Strong (hired girl) \$30, J. W. Bruner \$336.70, H. A. Calland \$200, horses \$259.70, Chas. Sears \$197.75, J. W. Hammond \$100 and E. Nagle \$100.

### JULY, 1882

"Sat, July 1—Bordeaux. Work on foundation for stable, etc. George Drake returned from Cheyenne. 4 calves bitten by wolves. Lem Smith here tonight.

"Sun, July 2—Bordeaux. Rode out and looked at cattle & horses with Smith. Smith left.

"Tues, July 4—Bordeaux. Tom Hunton started to Fetterman. Took H. Altman (Fort Fetterman merchant) with him. Mail from Fetterman arrived. Cut some hay.

"Wed, July 5—Bordeaux. Sent load hay to Chug Springs for Stage Company. Frank Browning quit.

"Thurs, July 6-Bordeaux. Posting books all day. Men working on different things. Will

have to go to Cheyenne tomorrow.

"Fri, July 7—Cheyenne. Come here today

"Sat, July 8—Cheyenne. Attended to business. Frank Browning arrived and left. Letter from Blanche. Lucy Strong dis'chd. Rained.

"Sun, July 9—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Turner arrived with team.

"Monday, July 10—Cheyenne. Hired ten men. Loaded wagon.

"Tues, July 11—Cheyenne. Team started this morning with men. I could not get on coach. Hired 'Patsy' for servant girl.

"Wed, July 12 — Bordeaux. Arrived on

"Thurs, July 13—Bordeaux, Commenced haying. Fixing machines etc. Wilson Woods arrived with lumber. Patsy arrived."

In her excellent reference book, "Footprints on the Frontier", Virginia Cole Trenholm records that freighter Wilson Woods proved up on land near Uva on the North Laramie River which later became the ranch of Pioneer Ferguson S. (Fergle) Mitchell. Originally this land had been homesteaded by a well known little peddler, Frenchy Cazaubon, who traveled about the frontier from ranch to ranch, with a regular store on wheels. After Frenchy a man named Duke Gardner settled on the place, but Wilson Woods was the one who finally "proved up" on it.

"Fri, July 14 - Bordeaux. Making hay.

Men arrived. Discharged Turner.

"Sat, July 15—Bordeaux. Making hay and getting machines in order. Judge Carey, Colin Hunter & others here tonight. Little rain."

For the next three days activities at Bordeaux were exclusively "making hay", with Hunton taking time out to fix the rake.

"Wed, July 19—Bordeaux. Making hay. Blanche and I went to Bullock place on Laramie river and returned. Mr. Lynch stopped to see me.

"Thurs, July 20—Bordeaux. Riding around range with Mr. Lynch. Making hay.

"Fri, July 21—Cheyenne. Left home this morning in buggy and arrived here at six P. M. Mr. Lynch with me.

"Sat, July 22—Cheyenne. Clarke come to town from Chicago. Lynch and I come to no conclusion about pasture.

"Sun, July 23—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne this morning. Mrs. Guirton (?) with me. Arrived at 6 o'clock. Phillips & Nagle here.

"Mon, July 24—Bordeaux. Recd. notice hay contract had been reduced. Making hay. Terrill Taylor working on Chug Springs stable.

"Tues, July 25—Bordeaux. Haying and work on Chug Springs stage stable. A.B. Clarke here and made settlement to 12th of this month and 1 agree to give him \$37.50 per month to run cattle.

"Wed, July 26-Platte Meadow. Terrill

Taylor & I come here today, find grass looking well. Saw no cattle in country.

"Thurs, July 27—On road camping between 6-Mile & Eagles Nest. Come by Fort Laramie. Nothing doing. Took chance in raffle for Gen. Merritt's shotgun.

"Fri, July 28—Bordeaux. Come to Chug Springs to breakfast. From there home on coach. Colin Hunter on coach. Haying going on all right. George Searight here going north. Some rain.

"Sun, July 30-Bordeaux. Drove out twice today with (blank space) and Mrs. Guirton."

Something appears to have usset John Hunton. His writing drastically changes in the above entry. It is twice as large as usual, the formation of letters is so altered that it appears to be an entirely different band. and he does not settle back to his normal script for several days.

"Mon, July 31—Bordeaux. Col. Babbitt and Van Tassell here to breakfast."

Mr. Hunton records these receipts in July, 1882: bar \$165. Stebbins Post & Co. \$1330. Kent & Arnold \$1000. Dater & H. \$4. O. Reeves \$14, Voorhees \$110 and Clarke & Hunton \$700.

His listed expenditures include: John Henry \$73.25, Jim Tiernev \$70. H. A. Calland \$270. S. K. Sharoless \$90.20. P. O. Denartment \$25.25, Tom Hunton \$10. F. P. Browning \$1002. J. A. Bean \$15, Haas \$25. 1st. Natl. Rank \$68. Provines (the surveyor) \$20, Marks & Meyers \$100, Dyers hoted \$5,

shirts & cravats \$6.75. hoots \$6.50, overalls, gloves etc. \$6, Turner \$20, Information office \$6, Mrs. Chaffin \$8.25, nose bags \$4.50, medicines \$1.60, watch \$10, ring \$13, Cheyenne Club \$6.50, Wilson Woods \$220. Wilson Turner \$110.35, Blanche \$10, mdse. for Blanche \$2.55, Stebbins Post & Co. \$700 and G. Bolln \$2.50.

G. Bolln, a baker by trade, to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$2.50 on July 24, 1882, was a native of Germany. He came to Cheyenne about 1876. After several unfortunate business ventures he leased and ran a hotel in Cheyenne for a number of years and then purchased the Altman Mercantile store at Fort Fetterman. In 1888 Mr. Bolln moved his business from Fort Fetterman to the new town of Douglas and became one of its leading merchants. He also served as county commissioner, city councilman and mayor of Douglas. In 1894 Democrat Bolln ran for Wyoming state treasurer but didn't quite make it. He helped organize the First National Bank of Douglas.

## AUGUST, 1882

"Tues, Aug 1—Bordeaux. Making hay and repairing machines.

"Wed, Aug 2—Cheyenne. Left home at six o'clock with Mrs. Guirton and arrived here at 6 o'clock, in buggy driving Bill & Don.

"Thurs, Aug 3 — Cheyenne. Transacted some little business and remained here all day. "Fri. Aug 4—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne

this morning and arrived at 7 o'clock.

"Sat, Aug 5-Bordeaux. Have finished cutting hay here and all stacked but Owen's field. Fixing to go to Platte. Colts got out of pasture.

"Sun, Aug 6—Bordeaux. Hi Kelly and family and Mrs. Maxwell visiting here today.

"Mon, Aug 7 — Bordeaux. Tom Hunton started to Platte meadow with hay outfit of 2 wagons, mowing machines, rakes and 8 men.

"Tues, Aug 8—Bordeaux. Hauling hay to Chug Springs for stage Co.

"Wed, Aug 9—Bordeaux. Hauling hay to Chug Springs. Pratt & Ferris here tonight.

"Thurs, Aug 10--Bordeaux. Hauling hay to Chug Springs. Draper & Organ here tonight. Sturgis & Lane passed through."

The partners Sturgis & Lane were prominent "cattle barons" of the day. Tom and William Sturgis and William C. Lane were among the original incorporators of the Cheyenne Club in 1880. Tom Sturgis was an early secretary of the Wyoming Stock Association and a member of the territory's first official brand committee. Jim Shaw in his memoirs recalls a roundup at the Sturgis & Lane ranch in the Laramie region. Their brand was the Bridle Bit. The ranch house, originally a stage station, was built of sod with loop holes to shoot through on all sides. The corrals, barn and other out buildings were also of sod construction.

"Fri, Aug 11—Bordeaux. Rode around pasture, found bars down and colts gone. Finished putting in hay at Chug Springs for stage Co. "Sat, Aug 12—Bordeaux. Rode over the McUlvane pasture looking for colts, did not find them. Oelrich's mares & horses here tonight.

"Mon, Aug 14—Fort Laramie. Come here today on way to Platte hay camp. Blanche with me. She will stop at Capt. Woodson's until I return.

"Tues, Aug 15—Hay camp. Arrived today, everything all right. Bargained with like Hill and Joe Wiley to haul and stack 200 tons hay for \$7 ton."

Ike Hill's place was a few miles from Fort Laramie on land that later became part of the Bomgardner ranch. He was a freighter and rancher.

And the "Joe Wiley" above was Joe Wilde, Fort Laramie pioneer, who plays an important part in this record during later years. "Hill & Wilde" were partners in the freighting business and did much hauling for Hunton as will be shown in subsequent entries.

"Wed, Aug 16—Hay camp. Here all day. Fixed hay press and went fishing.

"Thurs, Aug 17—Fort Laramie. Come here today. Chamberlin & Doty paid me \$36 for hay.

"Fri, Aug 18—Bordeaux. Staid at Fort Laramie until 6 o'clock and drove home. Nice shower about 4 P. M.

"Sat, Aug 19—Bordeaux. Putting up hay. Charly Sears finished barn. Small rain.

"Tues, Aug 22-Bard's Ranch. Going to

Cheyenne. Mr. Bullock and Tom Hunton going to Virginia."

Although John Hunton does not say so (if he knew), subsequent entries show that his brother Tom is also going to Virginia to claim a bride, Mora Evans—just as John did in 1881. Thus did these pioneer brothers both marry Virginia girls in subsequent years. And Tom was apparently also well financed for the occasion, see August expenditures. Tom and Mora Hunton founded their family in the Wheatland, Wyoming area. Today their descendants are well known citizens of that community and the State of Wyoming.

"Wed, Aug 23—Cheyenne. Arrived at 10 o'clock. Have very sore eyes.

"Thurs, Aug 24—Cheyenne. Went to circus. Not well. Met Gov. Hale & wife. Have some repairs of clothing to look after for Clay & Hunton. Charly Clay in town.

"Sat, Aug 26—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Sore eyes and sick.

"Sun, Aug 27—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Mr. W. G. Bullock and Tom Hunton started east.

"Mon, Aug 28—Cheyenne. Blanche entered desert land claim and sworn in as P. O. clerk.

"Tues, Aug 29—Chug Station. Left Cheyenne this morning, nooned at Bard's and come here.

"Wed, Aug 30—Bordeaux. Arrived home at 10 o'clock. Everything out of sorts owing to Crawford and Terrill Taylor having been on big drunk. Nice day.

"Thurs, Aug 31 — Bordeaux. Not doing much. Billy Irvine went north to receive cattle. Nice day but hot."

Mr. Hunton recorded these receipts for August, 1882: B. Pourier (Big Bat) \$81.75. A. B. Clarke \$179.50, for black horse \$88, Pratt & Ferris \$54.58, Doty & Chamberin \$36, C. F. Perkins \$26, Cheyenne & Black Hills Stage Co. \$420, L. Smith \$97, Kent & Arnold \$1000, Stebbins Post & Co. \$500 and T. Haynes \$700.

### SEPTEMBER, 1882

"Fri, Sept 1—Bordeaux. Making letter box for P. O.

"Sat, Sept 2-Bordeaux. Fixing to start to Platte Meadow. Fred Ames come home for provisions.

"Sun, Sept 3 — Platte Meadow. Left home this morning and come here in buggy. George Drake coming with team and provisions. "Mon, Sept 4 — Platte Meadow. Started hay press and winding up hay cutting. Getting wood, etc. Drake arrived with team.

"Tues, Sept 5—Bordeaux. Drake and extra men and horses started from Platte Meadow. I started at 2 o'clock and come home from Fort Laramie with Hi Kelly. Hot & dusty.

"Wed, Sept 6—Bordeaux. Kelly staid here last night. Irvine and McKutchen dined here. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips here tonight. Teams arrived. Gen. Forsythe staid here last night.

"Thurs, Sept 7—Bordeaux, Hauling hay. Fixing head blocks for press. Bargained with Wilson Woods to sell him hay at \$20 less 5.

"Fri, Sept 8—Bordeaux. Finished stacking hay. Offered Bill Davis old hay on Platte for \$2.75.

"Sat, Sept 9—Bordeaux. Not doing much. Suffering with catarrh & sore eyes.

"Sun, Sept 10—Bordeaux. Doing nothing. Blanche went to Sunday school. Mr. Foss come to shoe horses.

"Mon, Sept 11—Bordeaux. Not able to do anything much on account of sore eyes.

"Tues, Sept 12—Bordeaux. Making some repairs for hay press. Maj. Sniffin camped here.

"Wed, Sept 13—Bordeaux. Mr. Foss got all horses shod and went home.

"Thurs, Sept 14 — Bordeaux. Doing but little, eyes still sore. Crawford went to Kelly's.

"Fri, Sept 15 — Bordeaux. Sent George Drake to Platte Meadow with 'Doc' & 'Nel' and the two-horse wagon. Repairing hay press.

"Sat, Sept 16—Bordeaux. Done some work on press. Drake returned & reports baling getting along all right.

"Sun, Sept 17—Bordeaux. Blanche went to Sunday school and I went duck shooting.

"Tues, Sept 19—Bordeaux. Blanche went to Cheyenne, Drake drove carriage, to meet Tom Hunton & Mora (his Virginia bride). I worked some on press.

"Wed, Sept 20—Bordeaux. Finished one press & comcd. on the other. Foss here doing some work & shod some horses.

"Thurs, Sept 21-Bordeaux, Worked on press. Maj. Sniffin camped here.

"Fri, Sept 22—Bordeaux. Killed 29 ducks. Talked with Draper about buying his heiffers. Loaned Lem Smith gray mare to ride to Fort Fetterman. Hi Kelly and Fred Schwartz dined here. George Drake returned.

"Sat, Sept 23—Bordeaux. Rode among the cattle, found one calf dead. London & others here tonight. Killed lots of ducks. Suffering from heart disease & can sleep but little."

The London who stayed at Bordeaux that September night of 1882 was probably John London, Fort Laramie post trader from 1882 to 1883 when he was succeeded in that appointment by John Hunton, last of the post traders, who held the concession until Fort Laramie was abandoned by the army in 1890.

"Sun, Sept 24 — Bordeaux. Sam Groves passed through pasture with beef herd.

"Mon, Sept 25—Bordeaux. Blanche, Tom Hunton and Mora arrived.

"Tues, Sept 26—Fort Laramie. Come here today on way to Platte Meadow. Wolf with me.

"Wed, Sept 27—Platte Meadow. Arrived here today. Everything all right. Too damp to bale. Killed lot of ducks. Rained nearly all day.

"Thurs, Sept 28—Platte Meadow. Baling today. Went to Pratt & Ferris. They are building grout houses. Paid them \$15 beef bill. Capt. Woodson & Green arrived.

"Fri, Sept 29—Platte Meadow. Went with Capt. Woodson & Green to the Oelrichs but found few ducks. Found some ducks on lakes and river.

"Sat, Sept 30—Fort Laramie. Arrived here at 7½. Got 218 ducks in all. Stopped with Capt. Woodson."

John Hunton's recorded financial transactions were relatively light during September of 1882. He lists the following receipts: Q. M. Fort Laramie \$34.59, ranch \$120, Geo. Hawk \$15, C. Wild \$86.77 and T. A. Kent \$17.25.

His listed expenditures include: Parr (hand) \$23.66, hands \$189, Blanche \$73.75, Crawford \$10, Drake \$35 and Drake expense \$15, Hodge \$12, Don

Williams (hand) \$82.83, Pratt & Ferris for beef \$15, Chas. Varnum (hand) \$87.06 and Patsy the hired girl \$30.

The George Hawk who paid Mr. Hunton \$15, and his brother Tommy, were station masters for the Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Company at Eagles Nest and Fort Laramie.

# OCTOBER, 1882

"Sun, Oct 1 — Bordeaux. Arrived at 2 o'clock. Found everyone well. Saw Bettelyoun about hay, etc.

"Mon, Oct 2—Bordeaux. Commenced baling hay. Press did not work right. Loaned Mrs. Phillips buggy & team to go to F. M. Phillips.

"Tues & Wed, Oct 3 & 4—Bordeaux, Digging potatoes.

"Thurs, Oct 5—Bordeaux. Digging potatoes. Teschemacher & deBillier's beef herd passed. Some rain.

"Fri, Oct 6—Bordeaux. Hunted ducks nearly all day. Digging potatoes. HR & N beef passed."

The HR beef referred to above were probably cattle belonging to A. H. (Heck) Reel. Mr. Reel's HR ranch on the North Laramie later became the property of Pioneer George Mitchell.

"Sat, Oct 7— Bordeaux. Doing nothing. Phillips & wife here.

"Sun, Oct 8—Cheyenne. Left home this morning on coach.

"Mon, Oct 9—Cheyenne. Saw Walker's cattle. Do not want any of them.

"Tues, Oct 10—Cheyenne. Draper & Organ's cattle not here. Will go home tomorrow. Had all property insured by Kent & Arnold to amount of \$18,500."

In addition to his extensive cattle operations in the valleys of the Chug and Laramie, T. A. Kent had certain banking interests in Cheyenne. M. A. Arnold was also one of the big cattlemen in the area. Both were charter members of the Laramie County Stock Association and attended its first meeting in Cheyenne in 1873. The above entry indicates that Messrs. Kent and Arnold were also partners in an insurance business.

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists M. A. Arnold as follows: "NL Live Stock Company, M. A. Arnold, superintendent. P. O. Address Cheyenne, Wyoming. Range Upper Crow and Horse Creeks. Brands NL connected, N4, NLR, ONL, SK, SN, 42, —ZK, Triangle, RNI, NL—4. Horse Brands Y Cross, J. LN connected."

"Wed, Oct 11—Bordeaux. Come home on coach. Fred Ames here. Baling wire breaking. Everything else all right.

"Thurs, Oct 12—Bordeaux. Ames went to hay camp. Worked on stable corral. Elected delegate to county convention Chug Water Precinct."

John Hunton, Confederate veteran, was naturally a staunch and life-long democrat. However, this election as a delegate to the Laramie county democratic convention is, we believe, his first "official" participation in Territorial politics—but it was by no means his last.

"Fri, Oct 13.—Bordeaux. Work on corral. Sam Groves passed. George Drake went to Fort Laramie with provisions for hay camp. Dick Elgin killed at Fetterman yesterday. Murderer hung. Nice day."

In 1882 Fort Fetterman was abandoned as a military post. It was no longer needed. The Indians had been subdued. But the old fort, forerunner of the town of Douglas, remained as a settlement, trading center and rendezvous for cattle men, cowboys, roundups, gamblers, dance hall girls and kindred characters. It was in this touch and lawless place that Malcolm Campbell, then a young deputy, received experience which undoubtedly helped him become one of the most renowned sheriffs on the western frontier.

Here is a summary of Campbell's story of what happened that October night of 1882. Searight's roundup had come to town. It was gathering and tallying cattle which had been sold to the CY out-fit. Altmen & Webel's saloon was crowded. In the milling, drinking crowd were two men quite different in character but with one thing in common—both were marked for violent death that night.

Dick Elgin, described by Campbell as a fine upstanding man, was bookkeeper and paymaster for the Goose Egg ranch. He was chatting and swapping yarns with a small group of friends. At the bar, drinking heavily, was a Goose Egg cow-

boy, "Red" Capps, remembered by Campbell as "a big, red-headed, happy boy—but whiskey always made him half crazy."

Elgin had started to tell a story when Red swayed over to the group, grabbed Elgin by the arm and spun him around, demanding money. The still smiling Elgin told the drink-crazed cowbov that he had already overdrawn his wages, that he could not give him more money without authorization from Mr. Searight, suggested he'd better roll inand turned back to finish his story. Again Red spun Elgin around, said he would kill him if he did not fork over, gave the bookkeeper a violent shove-and jumped backward, hand on his still holstered gun. In doing so Capp stumbled and his triggerless weapon discharged, creasing his hip. Apparently thinking Elgin had fired on him. Red then drew and shot his victim through the mouth. into the brain

He then tried to escape on Elgin's own horse, which was tied outside, but the animal, appropriately enough, bucked off its master's murderer before they reached the nearby Platte river.

Malcolm Camphell was not present when the shotting occurred. He had been over to George Powell's ranch. But his brother Dan and a man named Moore captured the unseated killer near the Platte bridge, floundering around on foot. Malcolm came driving in as they returned with their prisoner, helped lock him up in the old army guardhouse, left Tom Walker on guard and went home for his supper. Before Campbell finished his meal Walker

came to tell him that he needn't hurry—the guard had been "surprised" and overpowered by a mob of Elgin's friends and Red Capps was hanging from a log which jutted out from a corner of the jail.

Then the cowboys, their obvious duty done, all turned to and gave Red a big and proper funeral after Justice of the Peace John O'Brien held an inquest, the verdict being that Capps "came to his death by parties unknown to the jury"

The only actual eye witness account of this killing of which the writer has knowledge, was left by the late George H. Cross, of Douglas, and preserved by his daughter, Mrs. Criss Cross Morton, who passes it on as follows:

"The October, 1882 beef roundup of about 150 cowboys was camped at Fetterman. Dick Elgin and several other fellows had had teeth pulled by a traveling dentist. Dick's jaw was pretty sore and several of us were having a drink with him in the old Sutler store which Altman & Webel had purchased from Tillotson. Dick was from one of the southern states and had some education and was always a gentleman and well liked by everyone. He was bookkeeper for Searight Brothers Goose Egg ranch and handled the payroll for the cowboys. One of the Searight cowboys, a youthful red head named Capp, known as 'Arkansas Red', ordinarily a good cowboy and hard worker but crazy from drinking up all his pay, came up to Elgin while we were talking and asked him for some money. Dick refused saying, 'Red, you haven't any more coming. You're drunk now and will just get into trouble.' With that Capp whipped out his six shooter and shot Dick Elgin. The bullet went into his chin and through the top of his head. As Dick fell to the floor dead there was a terrific commotion as everyone ran for cover behind the bar.

"Capp bolted out the door and grabbed the first horse tied to the hitching rack. Through peculiar coincidence it was Elgin's horse which must have sensed what Capp had done to his master for he bucked violently and threw Capp off. The killer then ran on foot toward the Hog ranch and met Mike Reagan, a notorious gambler, and Billie Jaycox, riding toward Fetterman. Capp ordered Reagan to give him his horse and when he refused began shooting wildly. One bullet struck Reagan and wounded him, but not fatally. Courageous Deputy Sheriff Malcolm Campbell captured Capp and locked him in jail—a small log building that had served as an army guardhouse.

"That night a group of cowboys organized a vigilance committee, broke into the jail and hanged Arkansas Red to a ridge log extending from the roof of a building."

"Sat, Oct 14—Bordeaux. Work on stable & corral. Judge Joseph M. Carey passed to Cheyenne.

"Mon, Oct 16—Bordeaux. Worked in shop making hinges. Bargained with Walker to pasture his cattle until 1st of May, '83 for \$1 per head. Colin Hunter here tonight.

"Tues, Oct 17 — Bordeaux. Walker sold London 100 head cattle and are all here today. Walker branding his at McUlvane's.

"Wed, Oct 18—Cheyenne. Come here today on coach to get the Organ & Draper cattle.

"Thurs, Oct 19 — Cheyenne. Bought 106 heiffers from Organ & Draper for \$55 head. Started them home with Hi Kelly's calves.

"Fri, Oct 20—Goodwin's Ranch. Could not get on coach. Left town horseback and joined cattle at Fred Schwartz'. All getting along very well. George Drake met me with horse."

The "Goodwin Ranch" and stage station was built by Michael Fagan in 1876 and is better known in history as Fagan's Ranch, even though his operation and ownership was short lived. Failing health caused Mr. Fagan to sell out in 1877, shortly before his death, to a man named Moore. Mr. Moore in turn sold to Oliver P. Goodwin about 1880. Mr. Goodwin continued operations until the coming of the railroad put the stage coach and bull-trains out of business. The last stage from Cheyenne to the Black Hills rolled north, with George Lathrop driving, on February 19, 1887.

"Sat, Oct 21—Bear Springs. Got here with cattle before night. Corraled and fed hay. Nice day.

"Sun, Oct 22—Hi Kelly's. Got here with cattle about 3 o'clock. All getting along nicely. Blanche met me here.

"Mon, Oct 23—Bordeaux. Got here about 3 o'clock with cattle all in good order. Mr. Robt, Miller come on coach on way to Walkers. "Tues, Oct 24—Bordeaux. Making corral and chute to brand cows. Mr. Miller went to Gordon's. Agreed to take a good Shorthorn bull of him if bull and price suited.

"Fri, Oct 27—Bordeaux. Finished corral and branded 101 cows I got of Kelly.

"Sat, Oct 28—Bordeaux. Branded the heiffers bought of Organ & Draper and other cattle. Kelly here tonight.

"Sun, Oct 29—Platte Meadow. Come here today with Drake & team to move baling party home. Hay all baled and ready to move.

"Mon, Oct 30—Fort Laramie. Started baling outfit to Chug and come on here.

"Tues, Oct 31—Bordeaux. Baling outfit camped near Eagles Nest. Q. M. sent vouchers for 59 tons loose hay and 111 tons baled hay. Arrived here at 7 P. M. Little snow last night. Cold."

John Hunton drew \$302.70 from his road ranch at Bordeaux during October, 1882. Other recorded receipts were: A. H. Reel \$15.50, Stage Company \$499.30, Q. M. \$20.90, Robert Walker \$250 and John London \$21.30.

He listed the following expenditures: E. Nagle \$150, Wilson Woods \$111.77, bells \$3, Kent & Arnold \$38.75, H. A. Calland \$400, 1st National interest \$58.12, things for Blanche \$4.95, Cheyenne Club \$5.50, Drake \$3.50, peaches & grapes \$4.25, Patsy \$30 and "things" for Patsy \$5.25, Mrs. Selig exp. \$12, repairing boots \$2. R. Walker to Arthur \$50, Ike Hill \$250, Goodwin ranch \$26, Bard ranch \$2, Snow \$3.50, Chas. Griffin \$36.16, Wm. Wesly \$36.16, Chas. Wolf \$39.66, I. Bettelyoun \$200, hotel \$8.50 and beer, cigars etc \$20.30.

It is noted above that Mr. Hunton paid "Mrs. Selig" \$12 for expenses on October 20, the day after he started those cattle bought in Cheyenne on the long drive to Bordeaux, and the same day that he was unable to get a seat on the stage coach and so left Cheyenne horseback. "Madame" W. Selig operated Nine Mille, the first road ranch and stage stop north of Cheyenne, where she also built a large dance hall with sleeping quarters upstairs, thereby offering her patrons a wider variety of entertainment and hospitality.

Mr. Hunton also paid Chas. Griffin \$36.16 on October 28th. Mrs. Trenholm in her "Footprints on the Frontier" records that Charles D. Griffin, a Civil War veteran, came to Rock Creek' in 1882, engaged in freighting and stage driving and drove the last stage carrying mail between Fort Petterman and Rock Creek. Mr. Griffin was the father of Mrs. Minnie Rietz, of Wheatland, Wyoming. Mrs. Rietz recalled that on one occasion the redoubtable Calamity Jane could not pay her stage fare, so the Stage Company held her trunk for security and later sold it at auction. Stage Driver Griffin bought it and the last Mrs. Rietz heard of the trunk it was stored in the attic of an old pump house at Fort Steele, with a tintype of Calamity tacked on the lid.

And I. (Isaac) Bettelyoun to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$22 was a very old timer in the Laramie region. During 1867, while herding cattle for W. G. Bullock, he helped fight off Indian marauders on several occasions. The Bettelyoun Flats, in Goshen county, Wyoming, are named after him.

## NOVEMBER, 1882

"Wed, Nov 1-Bordeaux. Sold Smelting Co. 25 tons hay at \$20. Baling outfit arrived.

"Thurs, Nov 2—Bordeaux. Commenced baling hay with square press and rode among the cattle.

"Fri, Nov 3—Bordeaux. Baling hay. Fencing 'Owens House'. Measured haystack and turned it over to Smelting Co., whose teams are camped here on first trip."

The "Smelting Co." to which Mr. Hunton has sold 25 tons of hay at \$20 a ton, must have been the Wyoming Copper Company which built a smelter in the now ghost town of Fairbanks, on the Platte River north of Bordeaux during the exciting but rather shortlived copper mining boom in the area where the large iron mines of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company are now located. This copper smelting enterprise was promoted by Col. A. T. Babbitt and I. S. Bartlett, and financed by two capitalists of the day, G. M. Pullman and N. K. Fairbanks, who gave the settlement its name.

"Mon, Nov 6—Bordeaux. Sent trunks to Cheyenne. Fixing to go to Virginia. Two cows lost calves.

"Tues, Nov 7-Bordeaux. Went to Laramie

River to election. Staid all day. Everybody else went to Hi Kelly's.

"Wed, Nov 8—Bard's ranch. Left home this morning to go to Virginia. George Drake drove carriage. Clarke with us.

"Thurs, Nov 9—Cheyenne. Arrived here at noon. Settled some bills and am ready to start East tomorrow but Blanche has to have some teeth fixed.

"Fri, Nov 10—Cheyenne. Nearly all the election excitement has passed off. Kelly & Voorhees are beaten. 8 P. M. snowing fast."

Like a dim echo from that long past and almost forgotten election of 1882, comes this from Miss Marguerite Martin, of Cheyenne, daughter of John A. Martin, prominent Cheyenne business and political leader of that day and a close friend and associate of John Hunton's. The letter is written on the stationery of John London, Fort Laramie post trader, and signed by his clerk and business associate, B. A. Hart, who also had many business dealings with Mr. Hunton. (The eastern Wyoming mining town of Hartville was named after Mr. Hart in this writer's onjoinon.) The letter reads as \$follows:

### JOHN LONDON, POST TRADER Fort Laramie. Wyoming

Nov. 11th, 1882

Mr. Martin, Cheyenne. Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find check for Twenty Dollars sent you by H. O. Beeson. I suppose you will know what it is for. I am sorry the Republicans got the best of us in this campaign. Please acknowledge recpt. Truly yours,

To: John A. Martin, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

"Sat, Nov 11—On U. P. train. Left Cheyenne for Virginia. Got pass to Omaha. About 4 inches snow on ground.

"Sun, Nov 12—Omaha. Arrived 3 P. M. Saw Phillips & others. Phillips will send check for \$3118 to Stebbins Post & Co.

"Mon, Nov 13—Wabash, St. Louis & P. R. R. Left Omaha 3:20 for St. Louis. Mr. Ireland and Lt. Paddock on train.

"Tues, Nov 14—St. Louis. Arrived here this morning and spent the day shopping with Blanche. Went to theatre to see 'Kad the Tom Boy'.

"Wed, Nov 15—St. Louis. Done some shopping and went to stock yards to find McCave but did not find him. Went to theatre (Popes). Met Mr. Gallahan & others.

"Thurs, Nov 16—St. Louis. Done little shopping and going around. Met Capt. Woodson's brother-in-law Sellers and a Mr. Baily. Blanche saw Mrs. McCave. Branson & I played cribbage. Cloudy & rainy.

"Fri, Nov 17—St. Louis. In hotel all day. Blanche visiting Mrs. McCave and Mrs. Hall. Went to theatre. Rain and mud. Nice day for St. Louis.

"Sat, Nov 18 - Left St. Louis. Passed

through Cincinnati to Lexington and on train for Gordonsville.

"Sun, Nov 19—Gordonsville. Arrived here at 9 P. M. Blanche feeling unwell.

"Mon, Nov 20—Madison, C. H., Va. Arrivedhere at 2½ P. M. Everybody glad to see us.

"Tues, Nov 21—Madison C. H. Went to see Father and Mother. Found them well. Willie's farming all right.

"Thurs, Nov 23 — Madison C. H. Doing nothing. Court day. Saw many old acquaintances.

"Fri, Nov 24—Madison C. H. Blanche and I spent the day at Mother's.

"Sun, Nov 26—Madison C. H. Went to church twice to hear Mr. Painter.

"Mon, Nov 27-Madison C. H. Went down home and sent some plank to Pete's mother. Blanche went to Mrs. Booton's.

"Wed, Nov 29-Madison C. H. Doing nothing but loafing which I find very tiresome.

"Thurs, Nov 30—Madison C. H. Doing nothing. Dined with Mr. & Mrs. Hay."

Receipts recorded by Mr. Hunton for November, 1882 were: ranch \$45, Clay & Hunton \$848.74
H. B. Kelly \$55.75, A. B. Clarke \$900, Stebbins
Post & Co. \$2000 and L. Smith \$71.84.

His regular expenditures included: Blanche \$455, Bergman taxes \$303.48, F. E. Warren & Co. \$183.50, Fred Ames \$268.16, Jim Lane \$10, expense to Cheyenne \$6.50, recording deeds \$4.50, newspapers \$9.75, tobacco cutter, rake etc. \$10.20, Geo. Drake \$30, Tom Hunton \$150, 3 tons coal \$19.50, Smith & Harrington \$50, D. Miller \$78, Dare & Collins \$205, G. L. Holt \$116.75, ammunition and cartridges \$12.50, Weaver \$5.50, A. B. Hunton \$10, on Hunton house \$415.16, Kemper for bond etc \$277, Martha for Pete \$10, I. Bettleyoun \$600, J. W. Hammond \$400, E. Nagle \$400, W. G. Bullock \$300, Tom Mathews \$233.50, Sallie M. Harrison (school) \$25 and about \$50 for incidentals.

John Hunton and Blanche also traveled in style to Virginia according to the following separate record of money spent on the trip: R. R. tickets to St. Louis \$47 (he got free passes as far as Omaha), tips \$2, "little things" \$2.15, hotel Chase \$12, ring \$300, sleeper \$8, meals & fruit \$4, porter 50c, bus \$1.50, R. R. fare to Richmond \$61.75, hotel Omaha \$8, bus & meals \$2.75, trunk \$32, overcoat \$40, theatre & bus \$6, carriage tips etc \$8, gloves & books \$8.50, theatres \$6 & \$3, carriage \$13, hotel & carriage \$59, bus, porter & baggage \$5.25, parlor car meals etc \$4.70, expense to Lexington \$3, sleeper \$10, meals & porter \$3.50 and hotel Gordonsville \$3.50.

# **DECEMBER 1882**

"Sat, Dec 2-Madison C. H. Went to Jagers & Fry's store trying to buy horse. John Burly's house burnt last night.

"Sun, Dec 3—Madison C. H. Spent the day with Dr. & Mrs. Gordon. Went to Episcopal church.

"Mon, Dec 4—Madison C. H. Went to farm and returned. Dr. Taylor killed hogs. Jlm Hunt's child died. Feeling quite unwell. Called at Farly's with Blanche.

"Tues, Dec 5—Culpeper C. H. Blanche & I come here today. Feeling sick and feverlsh.

"Wed, Dec 6—Culpeper C. H. Went to George Clark's sale to buy some hogs. Did not get any. Price too high. Feeling quite unwell all day.

"Thurs, Dec 7—Madison C. H. Returned from Culpeper. Quite cold.

"Fri, Dec 8—Madison C. H. Went to Tol Utz's sale. Bought nothing. Clear, quite cold.

"Sat, Dec 9—Madison C. H. Went downhome and spent the day there with Aunt Martha.

"Sun, Dec 10-Madison C. H. Doing nothing but reading papers all day.

"Mon, Dec 11—Madison C. H. Went to Phil Lohr's to buy hogs, got none.

"Tues, Dec 12—Madison C. H. Went to Mrs. Garrs' sale, bought nothing.

Thurs, Dec 14—Madison C. H. Went to Walker's sale, bought 6 hogs for \$71—and got negro to kill and deliver them.

"Fri, Dec 15—Madison C. H. Give Cave draft for \$200 and got \$200 of him. Went down home. Blanche with me, Hogs arrived at home. Clear, cold.

"Sat, Dec 16—Madison C. H. Went down home. Cut up and salted pork. Six hogs weighed 985 lbs. Father killed and salted two hogs weighing 476 lbs. Clear and cold.

"Sun, Dec 17 — Madison C. H. Went to Lutheran Church in forenoon, Methodist Church at night.

"Mon, Dec 18—Frank Aylor's. At home all day. Settled with Father, giving him \$60 in full for everything he claims of Willie Hall or myself. Come here and find all well. Nice day.

"Tues, Dec 19-Madison C. H. Spent most of day at home. Sent load wood to Willie Hall. Team hauling for Dr. Taylor. Nice cold day.

"Wed, Dec 20-Madison C. H. Went home and sent load wood to Willie Hall. Snowing.

"Thurs, Dec 21 — Madison C. H. Doing nothing. Letters from Cheyenne and N. Y. which convinced me I ought to go west to attend to business. Cloudy and rainy all day.

"Fri, Dec 22—Madison C. H. Doing nothing all day. Team hauled wood to Willie Hall. Raining all day. Very muddy.

"Sat, Dec 23—Madison C. H. Doing nothing all day. Muddy. A. M. foggy. P. M. clear.

"Sun, Dec 24—Madison C. H. Doing nothing.

"Mon, Dec 25—Madison C. H. Everything dull, except the boys and Negros. Staid inhouse nearly all day. "Tues, Dec 26—Madison C. H. Quiet and dull. Went down home with B. and returned.

"Wed, Dec 27—Madison C. H. Got Sid Thomas to go with me to examine road on Dark Run where it is proposed to make a change. Thomas proposes no change.

"Thurs, Dec 28—Madison C. H. Court day. Court acted on road and ordered no change so far as I am concerned. Paid Gen. Kemper \$20 attorney fee for attending to road matter in court.

"Sat, Dec 30—Madison C. H. Went down home and give directions to Allen Graves about what to do while I was away. Snowed last night, cold and disagreeable.

"Sun, Dec 31—Washington, D. C. Left Madison at 1 P. M. for Wyo. Arrived here 12:30 A. M. Stopped at Metropolitan Hotel."

John Hunton's recorded income was again much less than his expenditures during December, 1882. He lists the following receipts: Tom Haynes \$698.04, W. J. Caye \$200 and Caye & Fant \$150.

His listed expenditures include: Blanche \$81.50 Mrs. McMullin 38.33, Miss Bettie Jones \$50, hampers \$1, oysters \$3.10, medicine & brandy \$3, whisky \$2 candy \$1.30, horsefeed & hotel \$8.75, 1st. National Bank \$698.04, cow of Johnson \$35, Martha for Pete \$9, hogs \$71, W. J. Cave check \$200, J. W. Bruner \$330.70, Kent & Arnold \$160, A. B. Hunton \$50, Lit Malory \$20, Mrs. Hall \$5, toys & candy \$3.75, Blanche gift \$70.25. Allen Graves

\$14.70, fireworks \$3, charity \$1.25, Kemper & Mc-Neal \$20 and ticket to Washington \$30.

Among numerous jottings in the memoranda section of his diary are the following:

"Price of wire bought of Coad \$20.50 per 1000.

"July 8 — Bargained with Coad for hay press at \$350.

"No. of land warrant 9064, Eliphat Mason, War 1812, date 29th May, 1861, Jos. H. Barrett Com. Land Office."

That last one, that land warrant from the War of 1812, was to be the means by which John and Blanche Hunton acquired title to the heart of old Fort Laramie many years later, after it had been abandoned as a military post.

At the year's end Mr. Hunton shows the following "Bills Receivable": T. J. Haynes \$5,440 and A. B. Clarke \$900.

There are several pages of "Bills Payable", most of them marked out with pencil indicating payment. But some idea of John Hunton's increasing borrowed capital requirements to carry on his now rapidly expanding business interests may be had from the following list of debts still unpaid at the end of 1882: F. E. Warren \$168.66, McCreary (1 yr.) \$4,000, (2 yrs) \$4,000, Geo. Morgan (1 yr.) \$1,000, 1st National Bank 90 days from Oct. 6 \$1,558.12, Stebbins Post & Co. 90 days \$2,000, 90 days \$3,450, 4 Mo. \$3,000, 4 Mo. from Nov. 1st \$3,000, 4 Mo. from Nov. 1st Only \$2,000, 00 Organ & Draper

one year from Oct. 19th \$2,915 and two years from Oct. 19th \$2,915 and J. W. Hammond 6 Mo. from Dec. 1, \$1,645.43—a total of more than \$30,000 in outstanding borrowed capital and debts.

However, Mr. Hunton is just beginning to fly financially. In company with most of the other large cattlemen of this period, his business continues to soar and pyramid over and over again until the crowded ranges are hit by those killing winters of the late '80s, bursting the cattle boom and bubble.

When that crash did come the fall from such heights, with no parachute to check it, was a shocking one from which John Hunton and many of his fellows never recovered financially.

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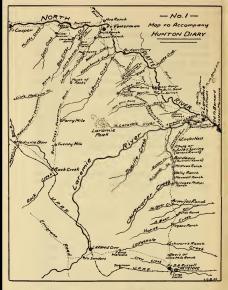
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1883-'84

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-L. G. Flannery

On February 4th of this year my husband, L. G. (Pat) Flannery, passed away. During a long illness his fondest wish was to live long enough to complete publication of the John Hunton Diaries. In his files we found completed manuscripts for several more volumns of the diaries.

As a memorial to him—and with the encouragement of the publisher, Edwin Lebsock, and many others—we are continuing with the publication of the John Hunton Diaries.

- Mrs. L. G. (Pat) Flannery

# Part One

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# 1883

PRFLUDE:

The Grattan Massacre.

## JANUARY, 1883:

Wyoming Population 20,000 — United States 50,000,000.

Back to Wyoming from Holiday Vacation in Virginia.

Prices Ranch Property to Hi Kelly for \$110,000. Administrator for Charley Wild Estate—J. W. Hammond and Colin Hunter His Security— T. A. Kent, Charley Coffey and Will Jeffrey Appraisers.

The 1884 Brand Book of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

Brands and Ranges of J W. Hammond; Hunter & Bergman; C. F. Coffee; E. Tillotson; Post, Brown & Lawrence; Warren Live Stock Co.; The Swans; Organ & Phillips; Whipple & Hay and Willie Whipple.

Thos. J. Snow was Brand Inspector.

Hires Katie O'Brien to Work for Tom Hunton. Storm Holds Up Train—Thermometer 28 Below. Heads Back to Virginia—Train Stuck in Snow Drift Near Council Bluffs.

Blanche Well Supplied With Breast Pins. Confers with Congressional Delegate Post and

Land Office About Fences on Public Land.

January Financial Transactions—Pays \$25,009
on Notes and Debts.

#### FEBRUARY, 1883:

Sinclair Booton Dies at Madison, Va.

A Small Cattle Partnership with Havwood Taylor.

Jim Gooding to Fence Orchard at 12 Cents a

Panel Off for Winter Vacation in Florida.

Other Wyoming, Colorado and Dakota Pioneers Also Wintering in the South.

Finds Jacksonville Fair Pretty Good-Except for Livestock.

Offers Frank Browning Year-round Job, With Pasture for His Cattle. Traveling by Steamer-Fascinated by Alligators

and Tropical Birds.

Blanche Catches Fish in Lake Poinset.

Finds Hotel at Magnolia Finest in South-One in Savannah the Worst.

Takes in the Races at St. Augustine.

Financial Record - Florida Vacationing and Women's Hats Were Cheaper Then.

## MARCH, 1883:

Brands and Ranges of Ogallala Land & Cattle Co. and Zach Thomason.

Tropical Climate Does Not Agree-Sick Four Days in Jacksonville.

Sends Box of Florida Oranges to Dr. Taylor. Visits Fort Sumpter and Sullivan's Island at Charleston.

Notes Much Improvement in Towns of North Carolina.

W. G. Bullock III at Lynchburg, Virginia. Mail From Wyoming Says Things Not Going Well.

Heads West-Leaves Blanche in Madison, But Writes Her Every Day.

Lawyer C. N. Potter Retained for Wild Estate— He Became Chief Justice of Wyoming Supreme Court.

Financial Transactions.

## APRIL, 1883:

Large Attendance at Stock Growers Meeting and Episcopal Festival.

Group of History-Making Pioneers Stop at Bordeaux.

Brands and Ranges of Powder River Cattle Co. (Moreton Frewen), Frank Lusk, R. S. Van-Tassell, The Oelrichs and Graham & Snyder. Russell Thoro Reminisces on Some Old Timers.

Surveyor Apperson's Son Bert Became General Manager of D.&R.G. R.R.

Radium Ore Mined at Silver Cliff Long Before the Atomic Age.

Why Surveyor Apperson Ducked When Portugee Phillips Passed By.

Supplies 7th Infantry With Hay and Wood at Chug Springs.

Governor Hoyt Fought Road Agents-Boosted for a Wyoming College.

Tom and Mora Hunton Return to Virginia.

Sends a Pineapple to His "Sunshine".

Has "Cramped Up, Unpleasant Time" at Bergman's Card Party.

Whipple & Hay Buy F. M. Phillips' Cattle and Ranch.

Helps Tom Mathews and Harrington "Prove Un" on Land.

Hi Kelly Loses 400 Cattle in April Storm, the Worst He Ever Saw—Snowed 56 Hours.

Offers Teschemacher & deBillier Half Interest in Chugwater Property for \$57,500. Financial Transactions in April, 1883.

#### MAY. 1883:

Sells Teschemacher & deBillier Half Interest in "Everything on the Chug" for \$55,000.

Bordeaux "Day Book" Tells Business Story of the Past Six Men Start Work May 1 at Bordeaux.

F. M. Phillips Offers the Grants \$12,000 for Their Places.

General Gibbon Looking for a Cow.

Brands and Ranges of Anglo-American Cattle Co.; Luke Voorhees Cattle Co.; Corlett Bros.; Western Live Stock Co. of Wyoming: Searight Cattle Co. and Richard Trimble.

Ed Banks, Hired at Bordeaux May 5, Becomes

Superintendent of Swan Co.

Some Hay, Grain, Meat and Grocery Prices, George Mitchell a Steady Customer at Bordeaux.

An Old Contract-Teschemacher & deBillier Agree to Pay \$15,000 for Half Interest in Certain Public Lands "When Proved Up On".

Buys Cattle from Swan at \$60 per Head. Pays \$600 for Team of Driving Mares, \$650 for

Pair of Bulls, \$300 for Saddle Horse-and Orders One for Blanche. Back to Virginia-Brings Blanche Home with

Two Hired Girls.

Richard Trimble Spent Winter in Log Cabin on Cottonwood - Later Became Secretary of United States Steel.

Hunton's Mother Has Successful Eve Operation in Raltimore

Mike Shonsey's Role in the Johnson County War -And His Side of the Story.

W. G. Bullock Wants to Sell His Omaha Land. Buys Level, Compass and Thermometer in Chicago.

Three Oldest Steam Engines Shown at Chicago R.R. Exhibition.

May '83 Financial Transactions-\$30,000 from Teschemacher & deBillier.

#### JUNE, 1883:

Orders \$340 Custom Built Buggy and \$100 Set of Carriage Harness.

Alfred D. Gambell Sailed "Round The Horn" to California Gold Rush in '49.

How Calamity Jane Took James C. Abney "For a Ride".

Record Breaking Floods on the Chug.

Pays Swan \$9,360 for 156 Cows & Heifers.

Building Road Into Goshens Hole. Range and Brands of C. W. Wright, John Hun-

ton & Co. and Guthrie & Oskamp Cattle Co.
Rains and Floods Continue—Damage Heavy.

Barret Plays "Julius Caesar" in Cheyenne. Cattle Bought from Swan at Kingman Place Branded "B9"—a Registered Brand of Wyo-

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\$10,000 Received from Teschemacher & de-Billier. Governor Hoyt and His Mules Stop at Bordeaux.

June, '83 Financial Record.
Bill Wightman Was Manager of the "Scissors"

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#### JULY, 1883:

C. A. Guernsey and Elwood Mead Selected Guernsey Dam Site Forty Years Before It Was Built.

Tom and Mora Hunton Have a Son, John L.— Became One of Wyoming's Foremost Musicians—Some of His Compositions.

Bob Grant Hauling and Setting Posts at 12c Each.

Quit-claims Interest in Platte Meadow to George Drake and Jim Houser.

Brands Sixty Head of Grant's "111" Cattle.

A Strenuous Surveying Problem—Surveyor Apperson's Fee \$12 a Day.

John Denny Breaking Horses at \$10 per Head-Boards Self.

Installs Wagon Tongue for Teschemacher &

Files Ira Fredendall on 320 Acre Desert Claim. Dave Miller Files on 480 Acres Along Antelope Creek.

County Commissioners Inspect Laramie and Platte Bridges.

New Eureka Mower Proves to Be a Flop. Commences Having with Full Crew July 23.

Wyoming Development Co. Busy Along the Chug. Donald McPhee Furnishes Lots of Rutter to

Bordeaux. I. C. Whipple-Businessman-Politician-Helped

Put Chevenne on the Map. Buys Bullock Omaha Land Through Lawyer

Corlett Brands and Range of A. Gilchrist.

Lays Out Ditch East Side of Chug to Grant Place.

Colin MacDougall Bought Cigar Box Which Contained Frenchy Cazaubon's Secret Past. Financial Record of July, 1883.

Stebbins Post & Co. Changes to M. E. Post & Co., and E. Nagle Becomes Nagle & Co.

## AUGUST, 1883:

His Hired Hands, Relatives and Friends File on "Desert Land" claims.

Fifty Tons of Lumber and Grain Hauled from Cheyenne to Bordeaux-Freight Bill \$600. Teschemacher's Father and Judge Bergman

Visit Bordeaux. John Denny and Pard Finish Breaking Twenty Colts

Returns Eureka Mower as "Worthless"-Later Buys Four More of Same Make.

Hay Fever Strikes at Noon August 17.

Joe Knight Sells Hunton & Whitcomb His "Bar Over FS" Herd for \$120,000. He Came to Wyoming With Trappers at Age 14 — Has Relative Buried in Old Fort Cemetery.

Sclls Wild Estate Property at Public Auction. Bargains to Bridge the Chug for \$650.

Brands and Ranges of Whitcomb & Hunton and Stephens & Mizner.

Horses Pastured at Bordeaux for 10c Per Day. Charley Sears Paid \$350 for Carpenter Work. Robert Grant Paid \$3,000 for Land.

Thirty Loads Hay for Stage Company at Chug Springs.

Financial Transactions for August. 1883.

# SEPTEMBER, 1883:

Brands and Ranges of London Bros.; Benjamin & Weaver Company; Converse Cattle Co.; T. B. Hord & Company and Dakota Stock and

Grazing Co., Richard Frewen, Manager.

Thomas Bell Built Up Cattle Herd of 4,000.

Plonner Group Undertakes Survey for Irrigation

Pioneer Group Undertakes Survey for Irrigation
Ditch From Platte River — Organizes North
Platte Development & Irrigation Co.

Busy Building Chugwater Bridge.
Hay Harvest Finished—Hands Paid Off.
New Sulky Arrives With Broken Shaft.

David W. Brice, Founder of Wheatland State Bank, on Hunton's 1883 Hay Crew.

Survey Party for Platte River Ditch Starts Work Near Hauphoff's — Bigger Job Than Anticipated.

Hay Fever Strikes Hard — Sits Up Nights to Keep From Strangling.

Sunday School Week's Social Event for Blanche. Blanche and Brother, Terrill Taylor, Leave for Virginia.

Twenty-Nine Tons Hay for Stage Co. at Chug Springs Costs \$435.

A. B. Clarke Ships Beef From Pine Bluffs.

#### OCTOBER, 1883:

New Ditch Company Files Papers With Secre-

tary of Territory.

Stamps for Bordeaux Postoffice. Blue Hall and W. P. Ricketts Were Foremen of

Searight's Goose Egg Ranch. Burley Austin Takes His Pay in Grubstake. Lumber and Tar Paper.

Paddelford Claim Contested in Chevenne Land Court.

Borrows \$10,000 From E. Nagle.

Blacksmith Earns \$15 Shoeing 17 Horses.

McUlvane Sells Out to the Swans. Weaning and Branding Calves — Some 1883
Cattle Prices.

Terrill Taylor and Blanche Report a Killing in Virginia.

Posey Ryan's Cabin Was Five Miles West of Fort Laramie.

Bradbury's Ditch Crew Used Lots of Beef and Horse Feed.

October's Receipts \$4.000-Expenditures \$6.000. Charley Wild Estate Brings \$2,200 at Public Auction Brand and Range of William Guiterman.

### NOVEMBER, 1883:

George Mitchell and His Father Visit Bordeaux. Range and Brands of Goldschmidt, Fisher & Co.: Snow Cattle Company and J. H. Kennedy.

DeHennicourt Surveying from Chug Into Goshens Hole. Tom Hunton Goes to Baltimore.

Sends Blanche \$100 and Travel Instructions. Clarke & Hunton Buy 100 Cattle from Draper for \$3,500.

Leaves for Chicago to Meet Blanche and Her Father.

How Jack Moore "Hit 'em With An Ambulance". Surveys W. G. Bullock's Omaha Land.

"The Devil's Auction"—Spectacular Play—Sees It Twice.

Jack Latta of '83 Traveled Same Country Bill Latta Covers Today — But the Roads Were Different. Stock Growers National Convention and Fat

Stock Growers National Conventi Stock Show in Chicago.

Laramie County "Road Viewers" Run Up Little Bill at Bordeaux.

Britisher John Jones and Swede Peter Paulson Both Helped Win and Build Wyoming.

Sells Swan and Paxton Two Thirds of Bullock Omaha Land at \$210 per Acre.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Phillips Now Live in Omaha. Portugee Phillips Rides No More—Died in Fall

of '83.
Sturgis & Co. Buys Goshens Hole Ditch.

Blanche Has Teeth Worked On In Cheyenne. Hi Kelly Wins Emory Horse in Raffle—Loses

Him to Charlton.

Little Bat Garnier Married Daughter of M. A.

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County Taxes \$314.38—Total Taxes \$449.90.

Telephone Installed at Bordeaux—Works Well. Takes in \$4,000, Pays Out \$5,100, During November, 1883.

# DECEMBER, 1883:

Miss Arbuckle Comes to Bordeaux — She and Blanche Go to Sunday School.

Fannie, One of the \$600 Black Driving Mares, Dies at Rock Ranche.

Surveys Paddleford and Burley Austin Claims at Platte Meadows.

Range and Brands of Henry A. Blair. L. Latta Stocks Up on Tallow.

Offers Bradbury 30 Tons Hay for 30,000 Feet of Lumber.

Has 108 Horses on Hand November 24th.

Teschemacher & deBillier Mansion Near Bridgers Ferry Now Home of Jim Shaw's Daughter -a Storehouse of Frontier Culture.

Buys Posts from Wilson Woods and Frank Boise at 30c John Weber Was Soldier at Fort Laramie from

'76 to '81-Raised Livestock and a Family on the Platte.

John McCormick Was Government Freighter in '72 - Homesteaded in '83 - Married Minnie Sutherland at "PC" Ranch in '85.

Offers George Goodhue \$1500 for 6-Mule Team. U. S. Sues Hunton and Hi Kelly for Fencing

Public Lands.

Files on Seven More Desert Land Claims. Christmas Shopping Includes Diamond Pin and Present for "J. H., Jr."

Takes in \$53,200, Spends \$78,800, During 1883.

# PRELUDE

# The Grattan Massacre

The Laramie River flows into the North Platte about two miles below (east) of Fort Laramie. Starting some distance below this point, their lodges stretching for miles along the Platte, was an encampment of several thousand Indians, various bands and tribes of the Sioux Nation. The year was 1854. It was the month of August.

They had gathered for their annual handout of goods and supplies, due them from the United States government under treaty. The date set for distribution was long past. They had been waiting for weeks. Their goods were stored several miles upstream in a warehouse at what was known as the Gratiot Houses, a trading post also called Fort John, a short distance east of Fort Laramie — but the Indian Agent, Major J. W. Whitfield, had not arrived to issue them. Each day the Indians had to drive their ponies a greater distance for grass. Each day the Indians had to drive their hunters had to range in ever widening circles in search of game for the cooking pots. They were understandably restless and provoked.

Also running near the Platte, almost within sight of these Indians was the enigrant route generally known as the Oregon Trail, over which an almost constant stream of covered wagons plodded their weary way westward. This trail was known among the Indians as "The Holy Road" because of the terms of a treaty between the Sioux and the

white men made on Horse Creek, near Fort Laramie. in 1851. This treaty provided that the red men would not attack or molest the white man's wagon trains traveling this trail; that if Indians should steal from the emigrants the chiefs would see that full restitution was made: that if the whites stole from the Indians the government would recompense them for their loss. In return for this safe passage the United States promised to issue the Sioux tribes \$50,000 worth of goods each year-delivery to be made near Fort Laramie. It was a touchy situation. an uneasy truce, marred by some incidents on both sides - but it had worked pretty well, the wagon trains had gotten safely thru, until this lame and half starved old cow came staggering along the afternoon of August 18, 1854.

She belonged to a Mormon wagon train which left her behind when she could no longer keep up. A young Miniconjou brave named High Forehead, on his way to visit the camp of the Brules near by, discovered this cow, down, helpless and apparently abandoned. He promptly slaughtered her, summoned some of his Brule friends, and they had a feast. The wagon train proceeded on to Fort Laramie, the owner of the cow reported her stolen by Indians and demanded compensation.

Conquering Bear, chief of the Brules, also heard of the incident and realizing it might be considered a violation of the treaty, immediately went to Fort Laramie, and offered a pony as restitution for the ow. Old records indicate that a good horse was worth at least two good cows along the trail.

Unfortunately most of the officers and men on duty at Fort Laramie were absent, leaving only a skeleton garrison in the post and Lt. Hugh B. Fleming in temporary command. Lt. Fleming, a young officer, was apparently reluctant to make a decision in the matter and Conquering Bear, unable to get an answer to his offer, returned to his camp and held a night conference with other head men. Early next morning Man Afraid of his Horses — althosome translations say it should be Man Afraid of His Woman—a sort of over-chief among the Sioux, returned with a small delegation to the Fort and renewed the offer. Again they could get no decision from Lt. Fleming who left them cooling their heels all morning and into the early afternoon.

Now comes the most amazing and difficult to understand part of the whole proceedings. Altho refusing to accept full restitution for the cow as the treaty provided. Lt. Fleming instead authorized Lt. John L. Grattan to take a detail to arrest High Forehead, which he had not authority to do, and then washed his hands of the whole affair, Grattan, a green and hot-headed 24-year-old, just graduated from West Point, started celebrating his first command with a bottle while assembling his expedition. a wagon, two 12-lb. cannon, a sergeant, 25 privates and 2 hand musicians. When Chief Man Afraid and his delegation saw this column cross the Laramie and head toward the Indian encampment about 2 P.M., with Lt. Grattan and Lucian Auguste, a halfbreed interpreter much hated by the Indians, at its head, they were disturbed and decided to trail along. What they observed was not reassuring. The interpreter was obviously drunk and at least some of the soldiers were nipping from a bottle of their own.

The first stop was at the Gratiot Houses storeroom, where Li. Grattan told the clerks and few soldiers on guard about his mission, while Interpreter Auguste galloped his horse among the Indians outside, shouting insults and brandishing his pistol. As they came to each band of Indians Grattan issued orders for them to stay in camp which Auguste passed on, embellished with more threats and insults.

The next stop was at the Bordeaux Trading Post, hard by the main encampment, where Grattan told James Bordeaux to send for Conquering Bear. While they awaited his arrival Auguste continued his campaign of insults and threats among the Indians in the area. Bordeaux who of course understood the Sioux language as well as English, was greatly alarmed and told Grattan the man had to be stopped or trouble was sure to follow. He also told the lieutenant if he would put Auguste inside the post away from the Indians that he, Bordeaux, could settle the whole thing in 30 minutes. Grattan took no action.

When Conquering Bear arrived Grattan demanded that he surronder High Forehead. The Bear told him High Forehead was not a member of his tribe, merely a visitor at his camp and he had no authority over him or to surrender him. The Brule chief also increased his offer of indemnity to several ponies and Bordeaux and other white men present all urged Grattan to delay further action until the Indian Agent arrived.

It. Grattan's answer was to march his men right into the Brule Camp, point his cannon at Conquering Bear's lodge, line his men up on both sides, order them to cap their rifles and be ready to fire. He then steepped forward and told the Brule chief he intended to personally search the camp and arrest his man. Bear said that would be a bad thing to do, and offered a mule, worth at least two horses, in addition to the ponies—many times the value of any cow. The pow-wow continued. Auguste's interpreting became more inaccurate and insulting to both sides. Then suddenly High Forehead stepped from one of the lodges, shouled to Grattan he would not surrender but was not afraid to die and ready to fight him to the death.

Meanwhile, from the roof of his trading post, Bordeaux and several other white men could see that braves from the other tribes had quietly surrounded Grattan on both flanks and the rear. They persuaded Bordeaux to go and replace Auguste as interpreter to prevent a fight. Bordeaux jumped on his horse and started, but he was too late.

Several scattering shots were fired and one Indian fell. The Bear shouted at his Brules to hold their fire, that maybe the white men would go away. Instead, Grattan stepped back into line, grabbed the lanyard of one cannon and signaled his men to fire. The cannon were pointed a little too high and their balls whistled harmlessly over the tepees, but at the first volley Conquering Bear, who had tried so hard

to prevent a clash, fell mortally wounded. The Brules, gathered about their fallen chieftain, responded with a flight of arrows. Lt. Grattan was one of the first to go down-his body carried 24 arrows when recovered. The interpreter and a soldier holding Grattan's horse galloped off toward the Holy Road at the first shot and were next to be killed. Several men piled into the wagon and the driver whipped his horses back over the trail. Indians covering the rear took care of them. The remaining 15 or 20 soldiers retreated over rough ground to the base of a brush covered hill and for a time their fire held most of the warriors beyond arrow range. But when they made a dash from their cover across a flat stretch toward the Holy Road hundreds of mounted warriors charged and hacked them down. Within a few hours after those thirty men had left Fort Laramie, full of high spirits in more ways than one, all were dead.

The now thoroughly enraged warriors spared Bordeaux and his family because he was a brother-in-law of the tribe and long time friend, and failed to find the several white men hidden on his roof. But they rampaged thru the night swearing death to all whites. Next morning they rode up river to the warehouse where their goods were stored—and from which the few soldiers and clerks had discreetly retired—helped themselves to what they wanted and scattered most of the goods—flour, sugar, bacon, etc. from the shelves in a fury of destruction. Then on they went to Fort Laramie, where some say they made a token attack, others that they contented

themselves with circling the Fort on their ponies and driving off all loose stock. On the third day they struck their great camp on the Platte and returned to their various hunting grounds.

So it was not until the fourth day that a civilian and military burial party was able to reach the scene of the massacre. What they found was not pretty. The slain had been mutilated beyond recognition. Hot August sunshine had done the rest. Only the body of Lt. Grattan was returned to the post for burial. It was identified by a watch he was carrying. The rest were quickly covered in one common, shallow grave. The incident triggered a quarter cenutry of intermittent savage warfare on the plains. It was not until after the Custer massacre of 1876 that our troops finally broke the back of the Sioux Nation.

About 1920 the late John Hunton showed the writer this common grave. It was a depression about 15 feet in diameter and perhaps 3 feet deep in the center. The surrounding land was still brush covered river bottom. He told us it had been a mound when he first came to the country in 1867. The winds of more than a half a century had hollowed it out. Mr. Hunton stepped into the depression and scratched around with his cane. He unearthed a tarnished brass button, a uniform collar insignia and what appeared to be a piece of arm bone and a human tooth. We reburied these evidences of an ancient tragedy in the dusty earth and went away from these

# Part One

# JANUARY

John Hunton's journal for 1883 was kept in a 3x7 inch, leather bound "Excelsior Diary", almost identical to the other books of this period as previously described. Even the old wood cuts and printed matter in the front are the same except for appropriate changes in the calendar, astronomical data, etc. The latest census showed the population of the United States and Territories to be 50,152,866, of which Wyoming had 20,788, an increase of more than 100 percent in ten years. Chester A. Arthur was the 21st man to hold the office of president, succeeding James A. Garfield who had been assassinated September 19, 1881.

The front flyleaf is inscribed, "John Hunton, Bordeaux, Wyoming Ter." and written above his name is this land description: N½NE¼, SE¼NE¼, Sec. 22. T. 23 N. of R. 66 W.

Those who have followed this journal will recall that Mr. Hunton and his young bride, Blanche, spent December of 1882 visiting in and around their home town of Madison, Virginia. It was a long, inactive and boring month for Hunton. Now we find him, apparently with no regrets, heading back to busier days with his cattle and other interests in Wyoming — while Blanche remains behind in Madison for more visiting.

"Mon, Jan 1-Penn. Central R.R. Bought some New Year cards and fruit and sent to Blanche from Washington and started west on this road. R.R. ticket on limited express \$17.50, Pullman ticket \$9.

"Tues, Jan 2—Chicago. M.&St.P. R.R. Arrived in Chicago at 10:30 A.M. and continued west over this road. R.R. ticket \$14.90, sleeper \$3. Wrote to Blanche.

"Wed, Jan 3—U.P. R.R. Arrived in Council Bluffs at 10 A.M. Went up to Omaha and saw Mr. John Collins and got him to introduce me to Mr. Nichols who give me pass to Cheyenne. Wrote to Blanche.

"Thurs, Jan 4—Cheyenne. Arrived here on time. Saw great many acquaintances. (Hi) Kelly here. Priced ranche property to him for \$110,000.

"Fri, Jan 5—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne this morning. Geo. Drake met me at Kelly's with buggy. Arrived here at 8 o'clock P.M. Everything all right, everybody well.

"Sat, Jan 6—Fort Laramie. Come here today. Hay all in but 11 tons loose. Dined with Capt. Woodson.

"Sun, Jan 7—Bordeaux. Went to Bettelyouns and saw him about hay. Paid him \$225.

"Mon, Jan 8—Bordeaux. Fixing up Bullock account and looking around generally. Wrote long letter to Blanche.

"Tues, Jan 9-Kelly's Ranch. Come here on Coach on way to Cheyenne. Give Kelly check for \$2,806 and took up note. Left general instructions with Geo. Drake what to do.

"Wed, Jan 10—Cheyenne. Arrived at 4 P.M. Went to theatre, "Esmeralda". Bob Walker come to town.

"Thurs, Jan 11—Cheyenne. Administered Charles Wild's estate, giving J. W. Hammond & Colin Hunter as security. Cr. in 1st National \$265."

J. W. Hammond and Colin Hunter, who went John Hunton's bond as administrator of the Charles Wild estate, were well known business and cattle men of the day. The J. W. Hammond Cattle Company, with offices in Cheyenne, ranged its cattle on the Cheyenne River in Wyeming, using the brands "4W" and "TET". Hunter & Bergman, also with headquarters in Cheyenne, ran cattle on Skull and Beaver creeks. Their brands included "YT", "ZF", "Bar ZF" and "A Bar F" for cattle and "5" as well as the "YT" on horses.

The above information comes from the "Brand Book of 1884", published by the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, and loaned to the writer by the late Gordon Sherman of Lingle, Wyoming. The flyleaf is inscribed, "Thos. J. Snow, Inspector, Wyoming Stock Growers Association". This 1884 brand book is a 4x7½ inches, a quarter of an inch thick and bound in yellow leather. It is divided into six parts: brands of the association members, other Wyoming brands and certain Colorado, Montana, Idaho and Nebraska brands.

Names in each section are arranged in alpha-

betical order and beneath each name is the woodcut of a steer, apparently of the Durham strain, bearing the main brand. Other brands claimed are listed to the side or below the cut, together with the outfit's P.O. address, its range and other pertinent information, such as name of foreman, etc.

The foreword in this 1884 Brand Book reads as follows:

WYOMING STOCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION
Office of Secretary and Executive Committee
Cheyenne, Wyoming, May 12, 1884

"This third edition of the Brand Book is issued by the Wyoming Stock Growers' Association for the use of, and, it is hoped, for the benefit of all persons interested.

"It contains the brands not only of members of the Association, but also of all persons whose brands could be obtained in the time allowed for the completion of the work, wherever there seemed any possibility that the owners of such brands could have any interest in having their brands published in this section of the country.

"The greatest pains have been taken to make all entries as correct as possible, but some errors are bound to occur, and constant changes of ownership of brands are taking place. The Secretary of the Association will be glad to have all such errors and changes reported promptly to his office to the end that the inspectors may be kept properly informed, and that all errors, so far as possible, may be corrected in the next edition.

"It will be noted that the names are entered under each class in alphabetical order, thus avoiding the need of an index, which has been observed to give trouble in previous editions.

THOS. STURGIS, Secretary,
A. T. BABBITT, Chairman,
Of Brand Book Committee."

The following reproduction of a page from the Brand Book of 1884 shows brands of John Hunton & Co., Clarke & Hunton and the Hurlbut-Conrad Live Stock Company.

HUR WYOMING STOCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

#### JOHN HUNTON & CO.



P. O. address, Bordeaux, Wyo.
Range, Chugwater, Wyo.
Other brands,
2 \$ 16
Horse brand, same ascut; some
branded and some 2

#### Clarke & Hunton.



Range, head of Black and Lit-Thunder Creeks, Wyo.

Other brands, Ton right

All cows with brand on left VL
Horse brand, DF

# HURLBUT-CONRAD LIVE TSOCK COMPANY. JOHN H. CONRAD, President. S. E. HURLBUT, Secretary and Auditor. J. H. HURLBUT, Yes President. P. B. WEARE, Treasurer. L. H. WILLIAMS, Superintendent on the Respe-



P. O. address. Bingham, Wvo.
Principal office, Chicago, Ill.
Range, Tongue River, Prairie
Dog and Goose Creek, Wyo.,
to Little Big Horn, Mont.
Brand, same as ent on left side
or any part of the animal.

#### A. Heller.



P. O. address, 751 Astor street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Milwaukee, Wis.

The above company also run
on the same range this brand.

"Fri, Jan 12—Cheyenne. Not doing anything but trying to get freight for the Wild teams.

"Sat, Jan 13—Cheyenne. Doing nothing but loafing. Paid all the bills I owe in Cheyenne except Nagle. Borrowed \$10,000 from 1st National Bank, Went to theatre.

"Mon, Jan 15—Cheyenne. Took inventory of what things there is of Wild's here.

"Tues, Jan 16—Cheyenne. Appraised the Wild property. (T. A.) Kent, Charly Coffey & Will Jeffrey were appraisers."

Appraiser Charly Coffee above may also have been Cowman C. F. Coffee. The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book gave his address as Cheyenne; Range Hat Creek Basin, Sioux County, Nebraska; Brands "O Ten Bar" left side, "ATO" either side, "ETX" left side, "E Bar L" left side, horse brand "Inverted V" left hip. It also lists C. F. Coffee & Co.—brands "33" left side, "T" left side, another symbol brand and horses "TJ" left hip.

"Thurs, Jan 18 — Cheyenne. Thermometer 28 below zero last night. Hired a girl, Katie O'Brien, for Tom (Hunton). Wrote several letters, (E.) Tillotson, Blanche and others. Trains delayed on account of storm. Changed rooms from 2 to 40'."

E. Tillotson, Fort Fetterman saloon keeper and business man who was Hunton's "banker" back in the '70s, is listed in the brand book as E. Tillotson & Co. — P.O. Address Fort Fetterman, Wyo. and Urbana, O.; Range North Platte, between Forts Cas-

per and Fetterman; Brands "Upright Fiddle" left side or any part of animal, also "Lazy V O Bar" on either side of or below rump.

"Fri, Jan 19—Cheyenne. Smelter train that Wild teams are with arrived here. Got accounts from Gordon but they were all against the estate. Adjusted Gordon's accts.

"Sat, Jan 20 — Cheyenne. Finished taking inventory of and making appraisement of the Wild teams. Adjusted accts Jones & Chadwick. Put Arbuckle in charge of the Wild teams with Smelter outfit.

"Mon, Jan 22—Cheyenne. Straightened up Dell's acct. with Wild and completed arrangements for going East. Loaded two teams with grain for the ranch.

"Tues, Jan 23—On U.P. Got check for F. M. Phillips from Q.M. for hay and put it to my credit with (Stebbins Post) & Co., \$2772.50. Paid all open accts. in Cheyenne except (E.) Nagle, (illegible name) & Jacks & J. L. Collins. Directed employees what to do. Started east to Va.

"Wed, Jan 24—Milwaukee, St. Paul & Chica R.R. This days travel without incident up to present time, 9 P.M., but the train is now stuck fast in a snow drift about 40 miles from Council Bluffs. Cold and threatening storm. High wind.

"Thurs, Jan 25—Milwaukee & St. Paul R.R. Lingered along in snow drifts all day. 121/2 hours late at dark.

"Fri, Jan 26-Chicago. Arrived here 3 A.M.

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Stopped at Palmer House. Started on journey 5 P.M. Limited Express to Washington, Ordered two breastpins.

"Sat, Jan 27 — Washington. Got here tonight several hours late. Letter from Blanche. Wish she was here. Have got a mean room. Rained nearly all the time from Pittsburg here.

"Sun, Jan 28 — Washington. Wrote to Blanche. Called on Mr. and Mrs. Post. Long talk with Post about wire fences & other matters. Met Stimpson here.

"Mon, Jan 29—Washington. Visited some of the Departments today. Post promises to go with me tomorrow. Went to theatre, saw Salvini in "Othello".

"Tuesday, Jan 30 — Washington. Went to Post Office department & Land Office with Post."

M. E. Post, who was among the original settlers of 1867 in Cheyenne following construction of the Union Pacific Railroad, is also reputed to have brought the first gold bullion to the Magic City from the Black Hills. Mr. Post filled a number of local public offices and was a regular one-man chamber of commerce for the new territory. He also served two terms as territorial representative in the U. S. Congress. So when Mr. Hunton called on Mr. Post in Washington he was but following the time honored custom of looking to his congressman for guidance and help—and in piloting Mr. Hunton to the various departments of government Mr. Post was merely performing that still major congression-

al chore of helping constituents go where they want to go and see the big shots they want to see. Hunton and Post had "a long talk about wire fences" (January 28 entry before Mr. Post took him to the Land Office. It is probably safe to assume that already repercussions were reaching Washington about those generous slices of the public domain which Mr. Hunton and other large operators of that day were enclosing with their barbed wire.

In addition to his political duties and banking interests in Cheyenne Mr. Post also appears to have been engaged in raising horses according to this entry in the Wyoming 1848 Brand Book: "Post, Brown & Lawrence—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Pole Creek. Horse brand "PO" on 1eft shoulder or hip, All horses vented when sold."

"Wed, Jan 31—Madison C.H. Stuart met me at Somerset with buggy. Got here 2½ P.M. All things about as they were when I left. Roads very muddy."

Following are Mr. Hunton's recorded receipts for January, 1883: 1st National Bank \$273; Ranche \$388; C. Wild Est. \$450 and hay contract \$2722.50.

And in noting during the month that he "paid all bills" owed in Cheyenne, with a few exceptions, John Hunton was not talking about chicken feed. In addition to traveling and personal expenses totaling some \$375 he also paid up notes and debts of more than \$25,000 during the month, some of them presumably with that \$10,000 borrowed from the First National Bank on January 13, although he does not

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show that loan among his recorded receipts, thereby leaving the financial picture slightly unclear.

These are the expenditures recorded during that first month of 1883; R.R. ticket to Chicago \$17.50; sleeper \$9; grapes & candy \$6.75; book & New Year cards \$10: hotel in Washington \$2: ticket to Omaha \$18; H. A. Calland \$94; shirts \$8: J. L. Collins \$50; hotel \$2.50; Bettelyoun \$225; Otterback \$43.90: H. B. Kelly \$2806; interest S. P. & Co. \$465.64: Kent & Arnold \$95 and 1st National \$106.50; candy for Tom \$2.50; suit clothes \$23; pr. drawers \$2.50; Marks & Meyers \$339.62; H. Dell \$50; Craig & Davis \$405; B. Hellman \$80.60; F. E. Warren & Co. (note) \$187; Swan Bros. (note) \$277.60; Smith & Harrington \$316; C. P. Organ \$45; Whipple & Hay \$217; Thos. Mathews (note) \$1978; H. Altman \$90.70; Stebbins Post & Co. \$5528; E. Nagle \$1300; Cave & Fant \$150; James Monroe \$500; 1st National Bank \$9677.63; James McHenry \$355; O. F. Cowhick \$10.60; E. Tillotson \$476.80; H. Harrington \$10.25; Jim Houser \$270; stage fare for girl \$6.50; shoes for Boswell \$4: Pin for Blanche \$36.50: fare to Omaha \$11; W. F. Swan \$50; sleeper \$4; fare Omaha to Chicago \$14.30; sleeper \$3; ticket to Washington \$20.50: 2 breast pins for Blanche \$20; collar & hair Blanche \$10: collars Mollie and Sallie \$3; theatre \$2; supper at Harveys \$6; fruit and candy \$13.40; fare to Somerset \$3.70; Willie Hall \$5; Ex. to Allen Banks \$4; and around \$100 for hotel bills, meals and incidentals.

Among the names listed above in Mr. Hunton's accounts for January, 1883, are some of Wyoming's

best known early cattle men. The 1884 Brand Book gives the following information concering their operations:

"Warren Livestock Company (F. E. Warren) P.O. Address, Cheyenne. Range, Lone Tree, Pole Creek, Bear Creek, Duck Creek and Twin Mountain, Wyoming, and Natural Fort, Colo. Brands 'JK', 'HAY', 'JKJ', 'H Inverted V Y' and several other symbols."

It takes three pages of the Brand Book to list the various Swan outfits shown below:

"The Swan Land and Cattle Co. (Limited)—
A. H. Swan, general manager; Alexander Bowie,
general foreman. P. O. Address Cheyenne.
Ranges, North Platte, Laramie River, Medicine
Bow, Sabile and Chugwater, Wyoming and Nebraska. Brands an inverted 'U' or 'Mule Shoe'
left side, 'Two Bar' left hip, 'TY', 'M2' for
graded stock and more than a hundred other
brands'."

"Swan, Chesire & Co.—T. J. Swan, manager. P.O. Address Cheyenne. Range, Hat Creek, Laramie County, Wyo. Brands, 'CR', '22' and six others.

"Ed Swan—P.O. Address Big Piney, Uinta county, Wyo. Range, New Fork and Green River. Brands, 'P over L conected', 'OL', 'ML', 'FL' and 'Square'."

,"D. S. Swan—P.O. Address Cheyenne. Range, Elk Mountain. Brands, 'UL, connected', 'LH' and 'NH'." "Organ & Phillips—P.O. Address Cheyenne. Range, Crow Creek near Cheyenne. Brands, 'Quarter Circle C' and 'Bridle Bit' left hip cattle and left shoulder horses."

Whipple & Hay—P.O. Address Cheyenne. Range, Laramie River, Cottonwood, Chugwater, Eagle's Nest and Deer Creeks, Laramie county, Wyoming. Brands, 'h', 'Bar OC', 'HF connected', 'J-F', 'Scissors' and 12 others.



# WILLIE AND LILLIE WHIPPLE (Photograph Courtesy Mrs. Howard A. Robinson, Wheatland, Wyoming)

The old Brand Book also lists:

"Willie L. Whipple — P.O. Address, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Range, Cottonwood Creek and Laramie River. Brand, a Square & Triangle on both sides."

## FEBRUARY, 1883

"Thurs, Feb 1 — At Home. Blanche & I come here today to spend the night. Well diggers getting along slowly. Everything else all right. Allen clearing old field.

"Fri, Feb 2—Madison C. H. Come here this P.M. Davis clearing new ground. Heard Sinclair Booton was dead.

"Sat, Feb 3—Madison C. H. Here all day doing nothing. Wrote to Tom Hunton. Let Haywood Taylor have \$250 to buy cattle and we are to be partners in them.

"Sun, Feb 4—Madison C. H. Blanche went to Mr. S. Bootons and will meet me at Gordonsville tomorrow. Went down home, bargained with Jim Gooding to make fence around orchard for 12 cents per panel. Left memorandum with Father to have ditching done.

"Mon, Feb 5—Richmond (Va.) Left Madison this morning on one of Weaver's buggies. Met Blanche at Gordonsville. Arrived here 4:30 P.M. Stopped at Ford's hotel. Rained all day.

"Wed, Feb 7—Richmond. Saw Isaac Greentree. In doors nearly all day.

"Thurs, Feb 8—Richmond. Drove over the city visiting places of interest. Dined with Mrs. Dr. Hobson. Took tea with the Misses Thaw. Met a Mr. James from Wilmington, N. C.

"Fri, Feb 9—Richmond & Petersburg R.R. Left Richmond at 10 P.M. for Jacksonville, Fla. "Sat, Feb 10—Charleston & Savannah R.R.
Proceeding on journey satisfactorily except
meals which are a swindle on this line.

"Sun, Feb 11—St. James Hotel, Jacksonville. Arrived this morning 9 o'clock. Trees all in blooms. Lot of flowers, oranges, etc.

"Mon, Feb 12—Jacksonville. Looking about seeing the town. Zach (Thomasson) here.

"Tues, Feb 13—Jacksonville. Walked about different parts of the town. Saw Bob Strous of Ft. Collins, Colo. Blanche sick with sore throat and severe cold.

"Wed, Feb 14—Jacksonville. Loafing about the Hotel all day. Saw Col. A. W. Jones & Judge John Washby.

"Thurs, Feb 15—Jacksonville. Took in the Fair which was a very fair thing all things considered except in the way of livestock. Met Mr. Eldridge of Chicago. Nice day but very warm.

"Friday, Feb 16—Palatka. Come here today on the steamer H.T. Baya. Had nice and satisfactory trip. Looked around the town, orange grove. Wrote to Frank Browning, offering him \$40 (per month) year around to pasture and bull his cattle for 25 pr. hd. pr. yr.

"Sat, Feb 17—Enterprise. Left Palatka at 8 A.M. on steamer 'Plant', arrived here 8:30. Had pleasant trip. Saw some alligators & interesting birds of the country. Blanche not well.

"Sun, Feb 18—Enterprise. Remained here all day looking about at the place. Blanche sick all day. Met Mr. Mead & wife from Mandan, D.T. "Mon, Feb 19—Enterprise. Had to remain here on account of steamer being full. Zach Thomason went to Rock Ledge.

"Tues, Feb 20—Salt Lake. Left Enterprise this morning on Steamer Astetula and arrived here at 9 P.M. Dreary looking place. Saw only a few alligators.

"Wed, Feb 21—Rock Ledge. Left boat at Salt Lake at 9 A.M. Went to Titusville by wagon and from Titusville to Rock Ledge by sail boat, Mr. Schroeder, wife and daughter with us. Blanche not well. Met Dick Latham, Z. Thomason & Bob Strous at this place.

"Thurs, Feb 22 — Rock Ledge. Looking around at the groves of Mr. Williams, Joe Paxton, Hardee & others. Find this the nicest place I've seen in Florida. Blanche sick part of day. Went fishing and had poor luck.

"Fri, Feb 23—On Steamer Marion in Lake Poinset. Left Rock Ledge at 2 P.M. and come here on wagon in company with 12 or 15 others. Boat waited for freight. Blanche caught some fish

"Sat, Feb 24 — Steamer Fredrk DeBarry. Arrived at Enterprise at 12 noon and got aboard this boat for Green Cove Springs. Had quite a pleasant run down the St. Johns last night.

"Sun, Feb 25—Magnolia. Spent the forenoon at Green Cove Springs. Went to Methodist Church. Come here in afternoon and find this the finest hotel I've seen in the South. Blanche not well. "Mon, Feb 26—St. Augustine. Left Magnolia on Steamer H. T. Baya and arrived here 1:30 P.M. Walked over the town and saw all there was to be seen. Met Smith & W. also Meyer & Jno. Thomas.

"Tues, Feb 27—St. Augustine. Witnessed the boat, horse and foot racing. Visited the light house and South beach.

"Wed, Feb 28—Jacksonville. Visited the north beach in company with Smith & wife.

Had nice sale, Left Augustine at 2 P.M. and arrived here 7 P.M. on Steamer H. T. Baya. Mef Reel & Rosendale & families. Letters from Tom and Babbit. Telegraphed to Arbuckle hay loose \$14".

Apparently quite a few pioneers from Wyoming and neighboring areas spent at least part of that winter of 1883 in Florida. Among familiar names is that of Zach Thomason, range manager of, and a partner in the Swan Company, who was with the Huntons at Jacksonville on the 12th and at Rock Ledge on the 21st. Reel and Rosendale, lapping up that Florida winter sunshine with their families. were A. H. (Heck) Reel and his partner in the cow business, a Milwaukee lawver named Rosendale, Their outfit was known as the "HR" with ranch headquarters some eight miles west of Uva. The story of Indian attack on Heck Reel's bull freight train in 1876, in which Wagon Master George Throstle was killed, has been told earlier in this journal. Mr. Reel is credited with trailing one of the first herds of Texas Longhorns into Wyoming

in 1869. He served some 15 terms in the territorial legislature and was one of Cheyenne's early mayors. Mrs. Trenholm in her "Footprints on the Frontier", records that Wheatland Pioneer George Mitchell first came to the HR ranch in 1879, as a guest of Mr. Reel, and later purchased the property. It was Mr. Mitchell's home during most of the rest of his life.

Mr. Hunton's diary records no receipts during February, 1883, and apparently vacationing in Florida was not as expensive as it is today to judge by his expenditures which were: W. G. Bullock \$400; Willie Hall \$5; Haywood Taylor \$250; overcoat \$17; Blanche, hat \$2.25; cane \$1.50; shawl for Blanche \$5; cash for Blanche \$54.75; buggy and carriage hire \$18.50; hotel bills and meals \$157.25; tops \$3.90; transportation \$133; drinks & cigars \$13.25; boating \$14; telegrams \$4.80 and sundries \$24.05.

#### **MARCH, 1883**

"Thurs, Mar 1—Jacksonville. Here all day loafing about not seeing much, but Blanche too tired and unwell to travel. Z. Thomason left. Am not feeling well."

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book shows Z. Thomason (otten spelled Thomasson) as follows: "The Ogalalla Land and Cattle Co.—Zach Thomason, General Manager, Ogalalla, Neb. Ranges, between the North & South Platte River, north side Platte River, White Tail Creek, Otter Creek, Blue Creek, Lost Creek, Goldwater and Brown's Creek, in Western Nebraska. Brands. 'OSO', 'SOS', '7', 'JJN', 'ED', 'B Bar', 'Cross Bar', 'O Cross C', 'OBO', 'SU', 'Triangle', 'CJS', 'O Bar', 'JOI Bar', 'VIX', 'SSS', 'TUT and ten other symbol brands. All calves branded after January 1, 'OSO' on right side and wattle under throat."

"Fri, Mar 2—Jacksonville. Was quite sick all last night and remained in bed all day except to go down & ship box oranges to Dr. Taylor & get a doctor to prescribe for me. Doctor Wakefield prescribed. Met Mr. Blair of Chlcago.

"Sat, Mar 3 — Jacksonville. Remained In nearly all day. Am quite unwell.

"Sun, Mar 4 — Jacksonville. At hotel all day. Went to church at night. Am feeling little better but am quite unwell.

"Mon, Mar 5—Jacksonville. 9 P.M. went to Fernandina and returned today. Visited Dunginesse, the beach etc. Will start to Savannah tonight. Feeling better but still sick.

"Tues, Mar 6 — Savannah. Took train at Jacksonville at 11 P.M. and arrived here 7 A.M. Spent the day in driving about the city visiting places of interest. Streets dry and dusty. Stopped at Serven House. Worst hotel on trip.

"Wed, Mar 7—Charles, S.C. Arrived 1 P.M. After dinner visited Fort Sumpter, Sullivan's Island etc. Traveled with and made the acquaintance of Mr. Webber and family. Cloudy and some rain.

"Thurs, Mar 8—Charleston. Spent most of the day in the hotel. Walked about the city some little, 8 P.M. took train for Richmond. Rained all day.

"Fri, Mar 9—Richmond. Noticed great improvements along the R.R. in the towns of North Carolina. Arrived here 4:30 P.M. and stopped with the Misses Thaw. Theatre Florence in 'Old Stages'.

"Sat, Mar 10—Richmond. Looked about the city. Theatre Florence 'Ticket of Leave Man'.

"Sun, Mar 11—Richmond. Attended Monumental Church. Called on the Hobsons. Attended St. Paul's Church at night.

"Mon, Mar 12—Lynchburg, Va. Left Richmond this morning and come here by Alleghany R.R. Mr. (W. G.) Bullock sick in bed. Stopped at Nowell (or Norvel) House. Left Blanche in Richmond.

"Tues, Mar 13 — Gordonsville. Come here today. Saw Capt. Fry, Blakey & Murphy in Charlottsville. Stopped with Frank Weaver. Nice day.

"Wed, Mar 14—Madison C.H. Blanche joined me at Gordonsville. Left there at 12 noon and arrived here at 4:30 P.M. Letters from the West, things not going right.

"Thurs, Mar 15—Madison C.H. Went down home. Allen plowing. Father ditching bottom but not satisfactory. He agrees to cut big ditch himself. Went to concert at C. H.

"Sat, Mar 17—Madison C.H. Went to look at woods and found that Hall had cut quite a lot of trees he had no right to cut.

"Sun, Mar 18 - Madison C.H. Went down

home and told Father & Mother I would start to Wyo. tomorrow. Told Allen what to do. Offered gray horse for \$80.

"Mon, Mar 19—Washington. Left Madison at 2 o'clock for Wyo. Haywood took me to Somerset. Left \$40 with William Hall to pay Father and left \$10 with Father to pay ditchers. Authorized Dr. Taylor to bid \$13.25 acre on dower land.

"Tues, Mar 20—Penn & Fort Wayne R.R. Left Washington 9:30 on above road. Some snow in Allegheny Mounts. Met a Maj. Woodcock from III. Wrote to Blanche from Washington and Altoona.

"Wed, Mar 21—C. M. & St. P. R.R. Arrived in Chicago 11 A.M. & took above road for Council Bluffs. Wrote to Blanche. Wrote B. card.

"Thurs, Mar 22 — U. P. R.R. Arrived at Omaha 10 A. M. Saw Maj. Fury and others. Got blank from Q.M. Saw Arthur Clark, Capts. Coats & Means & families & Dr. Pauling and wife. Draper, Masterson & others on train. Cocke is the Pullman conductor.

"Fri, Mar 23 — Cheyenne. Arrived today. Wrote to Tom to send George Drake to town.

"Sat, Mar 23 — Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Arbuckle uneasy about his mortgage and I think will try to foreclose. Wrote B.

"Mon, Mar 26—Cheyenne. George Drake arrived and reports everything all right at Ranch. 3 of the Wild teams arrived. Wrote to B.

"Tues, Mar 27-Cheyenne. Doing nothing.

Arbuckle loaded three of the Wild teams. Bought two saddles, chapps etc. Wrote to B.

"Wed, Mar 28—Cheyenne. Arbuckle commenced proceedings to foreclose mortgage on the Wild teams. Engaged C. N. Potter as attorney to represent Wild estate. George Drake started home."

C. N. Potter, hired by John Hunton to represent the Charley Wild estate in the pending foreclosure, was a young Cheyenne attorney, 31 years old, just getting a good start on a legal and political career which carried him straight to the Wyoming Supreme Court.

Mr. Potter was graduated in law by the University of Michigan in 1873 and came to Cheyenne in 1876, where he practiced with E. P. Johnson until Mr. Johnson's death in 1879. For some years thereatter he was associated with Judge John A. Riner and from 1886 to 1888 was a law partner of the Hon. Willis VanDevanter, who became an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Lawyer Potter served successively as Cheyenne city attorney, Laramie County attorney, was appointed Wyoming attorney general in 1891, became an associate justice of the state Supreme Court in 1895 and its chief justice in 1897, succeeding former Chief Justice A. B. Conway.

Judge Potter was a member of the state constitutional convention in 1889 and a leading light in the Wyoming Republican party throughout his long career.

"Thurs, Mar 29-Cheyenne. Trying to ar-

range with Arbuckle so as not to get to lawing in the Wild (estate) business. Got W. C. Irvine & Colin Hunter to sign as my bondsmen on my bids for contracts. Wrote to B.

"Fri, Mar 30—Cheyenne. Trying to arrange with Arbuckle about the Wild estate. Wrote to Blanche.

"Sat, Mar 31—Cheyenne. Arbuckle & Tracy come to terms and will settle by passing recelpts on Monday. Letter from Mr. (W. G.) Bullock. Wrote to Blanche."

The only receipts recorded by Mr. Hunton for March, 1883, are \$150 from W. J. Cave; \$516.20 from the Smelter and \$7.50 from Laramie county.

His expenditures were more numerous and include: "trumpery" \$5; St. James hotel, Jacksonville \$46; Hotel Savannah \$9; underwear \$4.50; Hotel Charleston \$12.50; Daniel Roe \$20; ditchers \$7. A. B. Hunton \$16.63; Gooding for fence \$10.20; Davis \$6; Martha \$6; Willie Hall \$50; Easter card \$1.60; B. Hunton \$16.63. Gooding for fence \$10.20; Davis hotel, dinner & supper Washington \$425; Stebbins Post & Co. \$200; A. B. Clark \$100; W. J. Cave \$250; George Drake \$30; Wild estate \$65.60; Blanche \$77; candy, fruit, cigars and drinks \$19.05; R.R. fare & sleepers \$99.20; carriage & bus hire \$19.75; porters, baths etc. \$14; theatre \$7 and church \$1.

#### **APRIL, 1883**

"Sun, Apr 1—Cheyenne. Great many cattle and R.R. men arrived today. Wrote to Blanche. "Mon, Apr 2—Cheyenne. Arbuckle & Tracy settled in regard to Wild estate. Large attendance of stock men at meeting. Wrote to Blanche.

"Tues, Apr 3—Cheyenne. Looking about for something for the two Wild teams to do. Baker & Johnson will load them. Attending Stock Meeting and the Episcopal festival—very large attendance at both. Wrote to Blanche.

"Wed, Apr 4—(Hi) Kellys. Left Cheyenne on Coach this morning. Phillips & others on Coach. Cloudy & rainy all day.

"Thurs, Apr 5—Bordeaux. Arrived at 10 o'clock. Everything looking all right. N. R. Davis, R. Frewen & others here and left. Let (F. M.) Phillips have team and buggy to go home. Lusk, Van Tassell & others here tonight. Snowed nearly all day."

That was a lusty and historic crew of pioneers Mr. Hunton found at Bordeaux on his return from the more or less Sunny South.

N. R. Davis was proprietor of the "Lazy D" outfit a few miles south of Cheyenne and one of the incorporating charter members of the famed Cheyenne Club.

R. (Dick) Frewen, British sportsman, came to Wyoming on a hunting trip in '76 with his brother Moreton, and they remained to form the Powder River Cattle Company and build the fabulous Frewen Castle on that street. The late Jack Moore, Buffalo, Wyoming pioneer and father of Novelist Olga Moore Arnold, cowboyed several years for the Frewen Brothers.

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists the above company as follows:

"Powder River Cattle Company — Moreton Frewen, General Manager. Frank A. Kemp, Assistant Manager. P.O. Address Cheyenne. Fred Hesse, Foreman, Powder River, Wyo. Ranges, Powder River and its tributaries and Tongue River, Johnson County, Wyo. Brands, "16", '97", 'Bar Lazy V V. 'Bar KC', 'CDK', 'To ver 4', 'Lazy H', '7K', and 'Reverse E K connected.' Also Rawhide branch of Powder River Cattle Company, Rawhide, Laramie County, Wyo. E. W. Murphy and Amos Spaugh, Foremen. Brands, 'M', 'WH', 'FH' and several symbol brands.'

Pioneer Russell Thorp, in a letter dated August 5, 1957, reminisces about several old timers and has this to say concerning Frank Lusk:

"He located the 'Node' Ranch and brand on the Running Water east of Lusk, near railroad station Node, in the early '80s. He was a director of the Fremont, Elk Monntain and Missouri Valley Railroad that was built west, and he selected the townsite of what is now known as the town of Lusk. The townsite is not located on his original ranch. He first went to Running Water Station, a stage station on the Black Hills State Line. Later on Chicago parties opened up what they thought was a silver mine at this location and they called it, and the old stage station, Silver Cliff. However, Lusk established the actual townsite for the little city that was to bear his name about a mile and a half east of

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the Running Water—Silver Cliff Station. I knew Frank Lusk very well and visited him at his home in Missoula, Montana, where he was president of the bank."

It is also understood that several carloads of radium or uranium ore were shipped from the Silver Cliff mine long before this new atomic age was born or even dreamed of.

And Russell Thorp also has this to say concerning R. S. Van Tassell:

"Van Tassell originally owned a ranch by the Harris boys on Raw Hide and a short time later located another ranch on the stage line just east of Frank Lusk's ranch at what is now known as Van Tassell. This ranch is on the Running Water."

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists Mr. Van Tassell as, "R. S. Van Tassell, P.O. address Cheyenne. Range, White River. Brands '(Two Bars)' and 'I'.

"Fri, Apr 6—Bordeaux. Rode around and looked at cattle. Nearly all looking well. Have about 50 calves. Wrote to Blanche, 2 letters. About 3 inches snow on ground.

"Sat, Apr 7—Bordeaux. Surveyed the water in the Hole. Apperson surveyor, N½ of NE¼ & SE¼ of NE¼, Sec. 22. Fetterman mail comcd running."

Quoting again from Russell Thorp's letter of August 5, 1957:

"Surveyor Apperson came to Wyoming in the 70's and was located at Ft. Washakie. If I am not mistaken it was in connection with government surveys. His son, Bert Apperson, was born at Ft. Washakie. In the very early '80s Apperson located in Cheyenne. Bert Apperson and I were youngsters together. He was older than I. We played together when I was around five or six years old.

"Bert Apperson had an interesting career. He was rodman with the location party on the original survey of the Cheyenne-Northern Railroad through to Orin Junction. When he was in his teens he worked during the summer vacations for the Two Bar outfit. He then got a job as a brakeman on what is now known as the C&S, later went with the Union Pacific as a conductor and in a short time was yard master at Cheyenne. He then went with the D & RG Railroad and retired a few years ago as General Manager of the D & RG, with headquarters at Salt Lake City. I remember Mr. Apperson Senior very well."

And in Virginia Cole Trenholm's "Footprints on the Frontier" the late Pioncer George Mitchell tells how the famed John "Portugee" Phillips once gave Surveyor Apperson (spelled Epperson in the book) a scare he did not soon forget.

It seems that Mr. Mitchell and Apperson were jogging along the road from Bordeaux one day in Mr. Mitchell's buckboard when another rig driven by Portugee approached then. When the surveyor saw who was coming he immediately ducked under the buffalo lap robe and did not come up for air until Mr. Phillips was well past. When he finally

did pop out, rather pale and trembling, his traveling companion asked what was wrong and the shaken surveyor replied that Portugee had promised to kill him, apparently on sight.

Mr. Mitchell believed that his surveyor friend was unduly alarmed, recalling that although the hot-tempered Mr. Phillips was sometimes impetuous and blustery he was really a good sort and not given to killing. But personally we side with Apperson—at a time like that why take a chance? It might be your last.

"Sun, Apr 8—Bordeaux. Apperson Surveyor went to Fort Fetterman. Detachment of 7th Infty went to Fort Laramie. Sent wood and hay for them to Chug Springs. Wrote to Blanche and Mr. (W. G.) Bullock.

"Mon, Apr 9—Fort Laramie. Come here in buggy, brought Capt. Bercham (?) with me from Ranche. Settled with Q. M., hay and meals. Wrote to Blanche. Rained and snowed all day.

"Tues, Apr 10—Bordcaux. Got home at 2 o'clock. Put all bulls in corral. White and others passed to (Fort) McKinney. Loaned Portugee (Phillips) a wagon. Growing quite wet.

"Thurs, Apr 12—Bordeaux. Worked some on yard. Blacksmith shoeing horses. Great many teams and travelers here tonight. Rained & snowing.

"Fri, Apr 13 — Bordeaux. Deep snow on ground. Gov. Hoyt here. Large number of men here. Fed cattle one load hay. Wrote to Blanche. Snowed nearly all day.

John W. Hoyt was appointed governor of Wyoming Territory in 1878, succeeding John Thaver, Gov. Hoyt almost immediately launched a vigorous campaign against the gangs of road agents and stage robbers who preyed upon the travelers and commerce of that day. He is also credited with being one of the first to push for establishment of an institution of higher education in the territory and during his first year in office reported to the Secretary of the Interior that plans for a college were under way. However, actual authorization to build a university in the City of Laramie was not passed by the territorial legislature until 1886. As was natural, a spirited contest developed in that legislature over where the capitol and the university would be located. Editorial comment of the day indicates that when Chevenne got the capitol and Laramie the university both communities were fairly well satisfied

"Sat, Apr 14—Bordeaux. Tom (Hunton) & his wife started East. Fed cattle two loads hay. Deep snow. Wrote to Blanche.

"Sun, Apr 15 — Bordeaux. Mr. Apperson (the surveyor) & others here. Snow very bad. Wrote to my "Sun Shine".

"Mon, Apr 16—Bordeaux. Rode about and looked after cattle. Got badly snow burnt. N. R. Davis, Frewen, Van Tassell and others here at noon. (Hi) Kellys come here with Van Tassell. Wrote short note to B. Nice day.

"Tues, Apr 17—Cheyenne. Arrived here on Coach. Roads very bad.

"Wed, Apr 18—Cheyenne. Tom (Hunton) & Mora started East. Doing nothing. Wrote to Blanche.

"Thurs, Apr 19 — Cheyenne. Loafing all day. Looked at some horses belonging to Van & some of (Heck) Reel's but don't like them. Wrote to Blanche.

"Fri, Apr 20—Cheyenne. Went to Oelrichs with Van to see horses, do not like them. Attended card party at Mr. and Mrs. Bergmans & spent cramped up, unpleasant time. Wrote Blanche short note and sent her a pineapple."

From Wyoming 1884 Brand Book, "Charles M. Oelrichs & Co.—P. O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, north side of Platte River, near Fort Laramie and Rawhide Creek. H. V. Beeson, Foreman. Brands, '4P and 'X. 'O.'."

"Sat, Apr 21—Cheyenne. (F. M.) Phillips sold to Whipple & Hay, cattle and ranch. Wrote Blanche long letter. Very severe snow storm."

The ranch which F. M. (Butcher) Phillips sold to Whipple & Hay was known as the "Italic H". Throughout this journal to date Mr. Phillips has been John Hunton's neighbor and a close business associate in many contracts to supply beef for the frontier military posts of the area.

"Mon, Apr 23—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Snowed nearly all day. Trains and wagons have to stop running. Wrote to Blanche.

"Tues, Apr 24—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Great quantity of snow on ground. Wrote to Blanche. Some snow and quite cold. "Wed, Apr 25 — Cheyenne. Arbuckle sold the interests he had in the Wild estate by virtue of his mortgage and bought them in himself. Wrote to Blanche.

"Thurs, Apr 26—Cheyenne. Assisted Tom Mathews in proving up on land also Harrington. Sent man to ranch on horseback. Wrote to my Sunshine.

"Fri, Apr 27—Bard's Ranch. Left Cheyenne at 9:30 A.M. Teschemacher with me. Roads very bad. Saw great many teams laid up on road. Wrote to Blanche and sent \$40 in the letter.

"Sat, Apr 28—Bordeaux. Left Bard's at 7 A.M. Nooned at (Hi) Kellys. Kelly about 400 head cattle out and reports the last as the worst storm he ever saw. It snowed 56 hours. Arrived home 5 o'clock. Everything all right. Wrote to Blanche from Bards.

"Mon, Apr 30—Bordeaux. Men baling hay. Teschemacher & deBillier (here) and talking trade. Offered them half interest in all Chug property for \$57,500. Wrote to Blanche."

During April, 1883, Mr. Hunton drew a total of \$846 from his road ranch and store at Bordeaux. His other receipts of record were: Crawford \$25; sundry accts \$353.15; Q. M. Cheyenne \$33.75; F. M. Phillios \$600 and Graham & Snyder \$42.56.

The 1884 Brand Book shows Graham & Snyder as: "E. B. Graham & Snyder—P.O. address Cheyenne. Range, Running Water, Neb. Brand '04'. This brand with wattle on left foreleg, above the knee, since 1882."

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His expenditures included: Branson exp. \$20; hotel \$67.50; Pres Church \$12.50; Crawford \$10; Kent & Arnold \$80.86; 1st National \$46; S. P. (Stebbins Post) & Co. \$751.30; Cheyenne Club \$50.70; Patsy \$2; F. P. Browning \$50; Tom Mathews and entry \$140; G. C. Charlton \$20; Blanche \$40; Craig & Davis \$75; Tom Hunton \$454.25; Hill & Wilde \$432.25; drinks & cigars \$21.65 and incidentals \$8.

### MAY, 1883

"Tues, May 1—Bordeaux. Rode around and showed Teachemacher & deBillier cattle and horses and other property and sold them a half interest in everything on Chug for \$55,000. Tesche went to N. Y. and DeB. went back to France. Nice day until night when it commerced to rain."

Among old records preserved by Mr. Hunton throughout the years is his Bordeaux "Day Book", covering the period from May 1, 1883 to August 18, 1884. This little six by nine inch ledger is stoutly bound in red leather with the words "Day Book" deeply stamped in gold letters on the front cover. Its fly leaf was originally inscribed, "Gibson Clark, Fort Laramie, Wyoming". Then Mr. Clark's name and address were ruled out and "John Hunton & Co." written above. A few of the first pages, presumably those used by Mr. Clark, were cut out. Since the record of charges and credits in this book was started on May 1, 1883, the same day Mr. Hunton sold a half interest in everythins "on the

Chug" to Teschemacher and deBillier, it was probably a new system of keeping accounts inaugurated with the new partnership.

Mr. Hunton made only occasional entries in this book. The accounts were apparently kept by a succession of clerks in his employ as indicated by different types of handwriting, some of them not too easy to read. All entries were made in ink, mostly black, some red, or with John Hunton's "runny" indelible pencil. Since they tell an even more complete story than the diary about business transactions and customers at old Bordeaux some of these entries will be included in this journal. Following are those of May 1.

Wilson Woods — 15½ lbs bacon \$3.88, matches & yeast powders 60c. Cr. by freight 40c.

Teschemacher & deBillier per H.C.T.—Cash for stage fare \$6.50.

J. H. Ford per Packard—180 lbs. hay \$1.80, 4 horses stable & hay 75c.

D. McPhee—Cr by 16 lbs butter \$6, Dr 355 lbs hay \$3.50.

Comed work May 1 — George Boswell, George Drake, Frank Browning, Jas. Houser, Burley Austin, Henry Mason.

"Wed, May 2 — Bordeaux. F. M. Phillips come on Coach. Johnny Gordon here with cattle. Loaned Phillips team & buggy to go home with. Wrote to Blanche. Rained and snowed all night and all of today.

"Thurs, May 3-Bordeaux. Phillips brought

buggy home and went on to town (Cheyenne) and offered the Grants \$12,000 for their places. I offered to put in \$6,000 and go into partnership with them. Two companies 5th Cavalry camped here tonight. Adams & Forbush's. Wrote to Blanche. Cloudy and rainy all day."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Teschemacher & deBillier per Whalen & men—12 meals \$6, 6 horses to stable & hay \$3.

Joseph Knight per scn Jim—7 meals \$3.50.

3 lodgings \$1.50, horse hay and grain \$2, cash \$10.

J. H. Gordon—7 meals \$3.50, 940 lbs hay \$9.40, horse in stable \$2.

"The Grants" whom F. M. Phillips and Hunton were trying to buy out or go into partnership with were Duncan and Robert, previously mentioned herein.

"Fri, May 4 — Bordeaux. Lot of recruits passed to Fort Laramie for 7 Infantry. Wrote to Blanche."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Guthrie Hord & Co.—Horse in pasture \$1, horse hay two nights \$1.

Whipple & Hay per Dan Ryan-2 meals \$1, 4 horses in stable 50c.

Harry Oelrich per Harrison-1 meal 50c, 180 lbs hav \$1.80.

"Sat, May 5—Bordeaux. Gen Gibbon passed east and wanted a cow. Hunter, Bergman, Lem Smith and others here tonight. Wrote to Blanche.

# From Bordeaux Day Book

Anglo American Cattle Co.—two meals, two beds \$1.50, horse to hay 50c, by Tom Godard.

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists: "Anglo-American Cattle Co.—Harry Oelrichs, General Manager. P. O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Cheyenne River, Hat Creek and Horsehead. Brands, 'Bar T', 'Lazy H U', 'Bar FF', 'TOT', 'Bar 4L' and other symbol brands."

T. C. Taylor-1 lb tobacco \$1.00.

Teschemacher & deBillier per F. deB. — Piece Tobacco 25c. 2 horses hav & grain \$2.

Comed work at noon, Ed Banks.

George Boswell—cash for express \$2.50, Ed Sprouse—2 meals \$1, horse to hay \$1.

Lem Smith — 2 meals \$1, lodging 50c, 2 horses & grain \$2.

The Ed Banks who started to work at Bordeaux on May 5 later became superintendent of the Swan Company at Chugwater, holding that position until he retired in 1911.

"Sun, May 6 -- Bordeaux. Recd load of freight by the Wild teams. Wrote to Blanche.

From Bordeaux Day Book

Hunter & Bergman, selves — 4 meals \$2, horses hay & grain \$2.

John (Portugeee) Phillips—360 lbs hay (2 bales) \$3.60.

Expense Acct. — Bill of Mdse (Nagle) \$322.48, bill of Freight 6345 lbs at 60c \$38.07. "Mon, May 7—Bordeaux. The Wild teams started to Cheyenne for freight & lumber. (Luke) Voorhees went up on coach. Fixing to start East. Sowed seed on yard."

The 1884 Brand Book lists: "Luke Voorhees Cattle Company—P. O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, head of Running Water and Rawhide Buttes, Laramie County, Wyoming. Brands 'LZ', 'VL', 'CHA', '919' '96' 'MP', 'G-V', '200' 'SP' and 'LN'."

"Tues, May 8 — Cheyenne. Left home this morning on Coach, got here between 1 & 2 o'clock at night. Roads very muddy. Rained all day."

From Bordeaux Day Book

J. H. Gordon per man with bull—3 meals & lodging \$2, bull to hay 50c.

B. E. Brewster per Gassett—8 meals \$4, 2 lodgings \$1, 10 horses in stable to hay \$5, 340 lbs hay to bulls \$3.40.

Chug Springs (Stage Co.)—21 lbs bacon at 20c \$4.

"Wed, May 9 — Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Wrote to Blanche.

From Bordeaux Day Book

A. Stewart, freighter—6 span in stable \$6, 118 lbs corn at 3½c \$4.13, 3 meals \$1.50, 180 lbs hay \$1.80. Cr, by cash \$15, balance paid 2.65.

"Thurs, May 10—Cheyenne. Doing nothing but waiting to hear from Teschemacher & de-Billier. Wrote to Blanche. From Bordcaux Day Book

Adams & Glover per Glover — 4 meals 2 beds \$3.

"Fri, May 11 — Cheyenne. Bargained with Charley Sears to build ware room & sheds to barn for \$200. Worked all day fixing wagons to haul lumber. Wrote to Blanche.

"Sun, May 13—Cheyenne. Called on Mrs. Arbuckle. Loafed all day and went to church in the evening. Bob Walker come to town. Wrote to Blanche.

From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. R. Mitchell pcr Parks-4 horses to hay & grain \$1.50.

"Mon, May 14—Cheyenne. Went to the Ingraham place to look at bulls & mares with Perry Organ. Did not buy any. Wrote to Blanche.

"Tues, May 15—Cheyenne. Drove the Morgan & Boulter mares and like them. Teschemaker come and we have W. W. Corlett drawing up articles of agreement."

Lawyer Corlett also ran cattle with his brother. They are listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: "Corlett Bros.— P. O. Address, W. W. Corlett, Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Barrel Springs, the Muddy and its tributaries, Sweetwater county, Wyo. Brand, '246' (all connected). Young stock have one dewlap cut down; calves branded since 1882 have one dewlap cut up. Other brands 'JB' and 'COR'."

From Bordeaux Day Book
F. Lusk per G. Kelly—2 meáls \$1, horse to
hay 50c.

Frank Lusk also appears in the Brand Book under: "The Western Live Stock Co. of Wyoming—F. S. Lusk, Manager, Cheyenne, Wyo. Office Room 1, Tebor Block, Denver, Colo. Range, Indian Creek and Hat Creek Basin and the head of Running Water, Laramie county, Wyo. Brand, what appears to be a long-eared small 'e', with chin wattle. Also own 'V bar', 'NO', 'LN', 'Anchor', 'Bar L', 'J reverse 7', 'WK', 'K reverse K' and 'WC'."

From Bordeaux Day Book
John Crawford left.
Henry Mason—Dr to Wilson Woods \$4.50.
Wilson Woods—Cr by H. Mason bill \$4.50.

Wilson Woods—Cr by H. Mason bill \$4.50, Dr 2 cans corn 70c, 2 cans tomatoes \$1.

"Wed, May 16—Cheyenne. Completed sale to Teschemacher & deBillier and received \$30,000 in cash, note \$10,000 in 4 months and contract for \$15,000 when balance of land is proved up on. Expected to start East but could not get ready. Wrote short letter to Blanche.



H. E. TESCHEMACHER
Who signed partnership agreement with John
Hunton on May 16, 1883.

(Photograph courtesy Mrs. Patti Gray, Orin, Wyo.)

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That rather unusual contract, for this day and age at least, involving the sale of public lands "when proved up on," was preserved by John Hunton in a small packet of papers. It is written with a flourishing hand in black ink on ruled paper 7½ by 12½ inches, the several pages stoutly stapled together, and reads as follows:

### CONTRACT

Between John Hunton and H. E. Teschemacher and others for the sale of lands.

This contract made and entered into this 16th day of May 1883 between John Hunton party of the first part and H. E. Teschemacher and A. M. Teschemacher and F. O. deBillier parties of the second part Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the agreements of said second party hereinafter expressed has promised and agree to and with the said second parties that he will at as early a date as is practicable obtain from the United States of America or other party having the power or right to convey the same, good and sufficient title in law and equity to the following tracts and parcels of land-such titles to be fee-simple titles and immediately upon obtaining such titles therein to himself, to convey to the said parties and their heirs and assigns forever a good sufficient and unincumbered title in law and equity to an undivided half interest in and to all of said tracts and parcels of land.

And the said parties of the second part hereto in consideration of the premises aforesaid hereby promise and agree to and with said first party to pay him for said interest in such lands upon delivery to them of proper and sufficient deeds of conveyance therefor the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000 00/100).

The said tracts and parcels of land above referred to are situated in Laramie County, Wyoming Territory and are more particularly described as follows to wit:

The North East 1/4 of the South West 1/4 and the North West 1/4 of Section Twenty three (23) in Township number Twenty three (23) North of Range Sixty Seven (67) West; and the West 1/2 of the South West 1/4; and the South East 1/4 of the South West 1/4 of Section fourteen in Township number twenty three (23) North of Range sixty seven (67) West; and the East 1/2 of Section number fifteen (15) in Township No. twenty three North of Range Sixty Seven (67) West: and the South 1/2 of Section Nine: and the South West 1/4 of the North East 1/4 of the South East 1/4 of Section Eight (8) in Township number twenty three (23) North of Range Sixty Seven (67) West; And it is mutually agreed between the parties hereto that until such time as title is obtained to said tracts of land and conveyance of said undivided one half interest therein made as aforesaid, all possessory right and interest and right of use of said lands in said first party shall be deemed and held to be partnership assets for the joint use and benefit of said parties hereto in the co-partnership existing between said parties under the name of John Hunton & Co. in the proportion of a one half interest in said first and a one half interest in said second parties.

In witness whereof the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

Witness

W. W. CORLETT

JOHN HUNTON

H. E. TESCHEMACHER

A. M. TESCHEMACHER

F. O. DE BILLIER

Territory of Wyoming, County Laramie, ss.

I Frederic S. Hebard—a Notary Public within and for said County in the Territory aforesaid, do hereby certify that John Hunton personally known to me to be the identical person described in the annexed contract and whose name is subscribed thereto as one of the parties thereto therein, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered said instrument of writing as his free will and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal, this Sixteenth day of May, A.D. 1883.

FREDERIC S. HEBARD

(Seal) Notary Public.

"Thurs, May 17—Cheyenne. Went to Kingman with Swan to look at cattle. Bought them at \$60 head. Did not get back time to start East. Am to pay Swan \$9,000 June 10th. Heavy rain all day.

From Bordeaux Day Book

R. S. Van Tassell—7 horses to hay \$3.50, 4 meals \$2.

Searight Bros. per Schubert — 2 horses to hay & grain \$2, 2 meals & lodgings \$1.50.

The 1884 Brand Book lists "Searight Cattle Company — P. O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Bande, Poison Creek, Carbon County, Wyo. Brands, 'Y', 'Tree Stump', 'Bar E', 'Z-X', 'CQ bar', 'TUP connected', 'HE connected', 'OV.'"

"Fri, May 18 — U.P. R.R. Paid Boulter & Morgan for mares and \$650 for two bulls. Bought saddle horse of Swan for \$300 and want him to get saddle horse for Blanche. Made all necessary arrangements that I could make and started East. Not feeling well, Rained all day."

From Bordeaux Day Book

E. Nagle per Peter Farley—75 lbs bacon at 25c \$18.75, 6 meals \$3.

Geo. R. Mitchell-two meals \$1, horses to

hay & grain \$1.

"Sat, May 19—C.M. & St.P. R.R.—Arrived at and left Council Bluffs. Ticket and return over this road \$20. Maj. Paddock in company. Mr. Hunt of Avoco, lowa and Mr. Anesty of Michigan want to sell cattle. Cloudy and disagreeable weather."

From Bordeaux Day Book Wilson Woods—200 lbs hay \$2. John Phillips—50 lbs flour \$2.50 (returned). Richard Trimble—2 meals & lodging \$1.50, horse to hay 50c.

norse to hay 50c.

Frank Browning-to cash \$10.

The Richard Trimble who enjoyed, we hope, Hunton's road ranch hospitality for man and beast at Bordeaux that spring day in 1883, was financially associated with Teschemacher and deBillier. He later became secretary of the United States Steel Corporation. According to Historian John Clay Mr. Trimble spent the severe winter of 1882 with Arthur Teschemacher and Fred deBillier in a log hut on Cottonwood creek.

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists him as: "Richard Trimble — succeeded by Andrews & Hudson, Brand '10 Box'.

"Sun, May 20—Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Pen. Cen. Left Chicago 5 P.M. for Washington.

"Mon, May 21 — Washington. Saw Tom Hunton at depot in Baltimore. Mother in Balt. having her eyes operated on. Arrived here 7 P.M. and stopped at Metropolitan. Done some shopping."

From Bordeaux Day Book Frank Browning cash \$5, George M. Drake cash \$20, Geo. H. Boswell cash \$5.

A. R. Mitchell—horse to hay 4 nights \$2. W. Dell—11½ lbs bacon \$3.07, 1 lb tobacco \$1.

"Tues, May 22-Madison, C.H. Arrived at

2 o'clock. Found Blanche at Dr. Gordons, All well. Roads very muddy."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. R. Mitchell per Parks—3 span to hay \$3, 4 meals \$2.

Tom Hawk-50 lbs corn at 31/2 \$1.75.

John (Portugee) Phillips — 50 lbs flour \$2.50, 13½ lbs bacon \$3.30. (Returned).

Joseph Knight—Cr by cash \$17. Donald McPhee—Cr by butter 20 lbs.

"Wed. May 23—Madison. Election day. Ev-

erything went off very quietly."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. R. Mitchell & Sandy—4 meals & lodging \$3, 1 horse to hay 50c.

"Fri, May 25—Madison. Went down home and give Willie Hall instructions what to do. Paid father for ditching. Court day. Saw quite number of people here.

"Sat, May 26—Madison. Packed trunks and made all preparations to start west. Hired two girls. Tom Hunton & Mother come. Mother's eyes considerably improved. (See May 21 entry).

From Bordeaux Day Book

Guthrie Bros. per Shonsey — 3 meals & lodging \$2, horse to hav 50c.

The "Shonsey" above was Mike Shonsey, destined to play a major role in the Johnson County War of 1892. A. S. Mercer's controversial book, "Banditti of the Plains", identifies Mike Shonsey as foreman of the Western Union Beef Company and

credits him with meeting the "invaders" near the Tisdale Ranch and promoting the attack at KC ranch —also known as Kaycee—in which Nate Champion and Nick Ray were killed after a heroic one-man stand by Champion.

Under cover of night the invading force, guided by Shonsey, surrounded the cabin which sheltered Champion, Ray and two trappers who had spent the night with them. When the trappers left the cabin next morning to go to the creek for water they were captured and held. Then Ray emerged and the besiegers shot him down. Champion rushed out, shooting, and dragged his fatally wounded friend inside. Ray died soon thereafter. Throughout the long day until late afternoon gun fire was poured into the cabin while Champion's answering shots kept the attackers under cover and held them at bay. Finally they backed a wagon loaded with hay and pieces of pitch pine up against the cabin and set fire to it. The whole building was a flaming mass when Champion emerged from it, still shooting, and almost made the shelter of a nearby ravine before he fell -with twenty-eight bullet wounds. A card was pinned to his blood soaked vest reading, "Cattle thieves beware." During this day-long fight of one man against fifty. Nate Champion found the time and courage to write a running, detailed account of all that happened-and to tell his friends goodbye before making that final, desperate sally where he knew death awaited him. The remarkable document was found on his body.

News of this one-sided battle aroused the John-

son County countryside. It was the invaders' only "victory." Two days later, April 11, 1892, they in turn were under siege at the "TA" Ranch on Crazy Woman creek, surrounded by several hundred angry and determined settlers of the area around Buffalo. Only the arrival of U. S. Troops from Ft. McKinney at day break April 13 saved the ill-fated band of cattle "barons" and hired gun-men from probable destruction.

Some time later Mike Shonsey and Dudley Champion, Nate's brother, happened to run into each other at a cow camp north of Lusk. Apparently fearing Dudley would seek to avenge his brother's death, Shonsey drew his gun and killed Champion when they met. Some say he shot in self defense, others no.

And the Guthrie Bros., by whom Shonsey was presumably employed when he stopped at Bordeaux that May day of 1883 for food, lodgings and horse feed, were also well known early day cattlemen. The story is that the Brothers Guthrie—as doubtless happened in more than one family—split over the Johnson County War, one siding with the large cattlemen of the south, the other with the settlers in the north.

### A FRIEND SPEAKS UP FOR SHONSEY

Since few men are either all white or all black—and most of us in all truth are probably a slightly soiled gray—let us not leave Mike Shonsey without a look at the other side of the coin. He had friends and staunch defenders. One of them is Russell Thorp, Jr., of Cheyenne, who knew him well. Follow—

ing are some of Mr. Thorp's recollections and opinions of the man:

"On May 7, 1954, at Clarke, Nebraska, Mike Shonsey, Sr. . . . presented me with the six shooter Mike, Sr. carried during and after the Johnson County cattle war, his spurs and the tie-down rope he used when he won the world's calf roping championship at Cheyenne Frontier Days during the '905-saying his great grand-father wanted me to have them so they would be preserved as part of the history of early cattle days in Wyoming."

Mr. Thorp presented them to the State Museum at Cheyenne and recalls that Mike was a southpaw—a left handed roper, and carried his gun in a holster made for the left side.

Thorp asked Mike why he, a hired hand and range wagon boss, felt justified in joining the "invasion". Shonsey replied he had seen all the rustling he could stomach during his four years on the range —even to cutting legitimate brands out of the hides of live animals, etc., at the expense of his employers. Mike denied killing Nate Champion at Kaycee, said several had fired simultancously at Nate before he fell—but that Nate's brother, Dud, blamed him and told around he was out to kill him on sight.

Some time later, Mike continued, after he had returned to the home '77 Rauch north of Manylie, he was checking a Texas herd passing north through the old Horseshoe Ranch. Late that afternoon, after arranging with the wagon boss of the Texas outfit to pasture his remuda for the night, he happened to look up and saw a man riding down Horseshoe toward him. He saw the approaching rider pull his hat down, raise his vest and put it inside his six-shooter handle for a free draw—and then recognized him as Dudley Champion. Mike said he beat Champion on the draw when he pulled his gun and shot him in the side, knocking him from his horse—but that Dudley, holding his gun in both hands as he lay on the ground, aimed at him again—so Shonsey shot him the second time. He rode some 30 miles to Douglas that night and surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Harve Allen the next morning. Mike was charged with murder, pled self defense and was acquitted.

Shonsey was born in Mcntreal, Canada, of Irish parents. He started working at Hord's 77 Ranch while still in his teens. He worked up to range foreman and also ran roundup wagons at different times for the Western Union Beef Co., Carey's CY and Guthrie & Oskamp. He later moved to Central City, Nebraska as foreman for the Wells & Hord Feed Yards, eventually bought out his employers and changed the name to Mike Shonsey Co. His son, Mike Jr., was an inspector for the Wyoming Stock Growers Association in 1936.

A photograph of the Jchnson County invaders, taken while they were "imprisoned" at Fort Russell in 1892, shows Mike wearing a silly little round hat and Thorp asked him how come? Mike's reply, "My Stetson had a bullet hole through it . . . that didn't look good, so I bought the first hat I came to."

Mr. Thorp sums it up with, "Mike Shonsey, throughout his life, was a law and order man, steadfastly loyal to his employers... it is my pleasure to have known this splendid man from my early borhood in the Rawhide Buttes country."

"Mon, May 28—Washington, D.C. Left Madison this morning. Arrived here 4 P.M. Mr. W. G. Bullock here to see me. Told him all about selling out and the business prospect. He authorized me to sell nis Omaha land for \$4,000."

From Eordeaux Day Book Teschemacher & deBillier per T. Whalen-

6 horses to hay \$3, 3 meals & lodging \$2.

B. W. Madill-one pig \$2.

A. Stewart—horse in pasture 12 days \$1.20. "Tues, May 29 — Pa. Central R.R. Left Washington at 9 A.M. after having talk with Mr. Bullock and fully understanding each other."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Wyoming Smelting Co. per J. Hilton—6250 lbs hay.

"Wed, May 30 — Chicago Palmer House. Arrived here on time. Bought level and few other things. Went to see RailRoad exhibit of rail road appliances and I saw the three oldest engines in existence."

May of 1883 was a big money month for John Hunton, both coming and going. His recorded receipts were: ranch \$104.30; Q.M. Ft. Laramie \$4.38; Smelter Co. \$171.35; Teschemacher & deBillier \$30,-000; Q.M. Cheyenne \$48.75.

His expenditures include: Hill & Wilde \$10.10;

Crawford \$15: prescription & medicine \$1.50: Jones \$35: Stebbins Post & Co. interest \$13.20: Chevenne Leader \$12.50; Kent & Arnold \$2,000 and interest \$23.33; Fred Schwartz (Wild estate) \$23.60; Nagle (Wild estate) \$47.95; A. H. Swan (horse) \$300; Boulter & Morgan \$1,250; McCreary \$4,480; J. L. Collins \$115; dresses & fruit \$20.80; hat & cravat \$3.50; to Negroes election \$5: A. B. Hunton ditching \$30: Willie Hall \$5: Bettie Jones \$31.15: Mrs. McMullin \$31.53; Tom Hunton \$500; Haywood Taylor \$150; Cave & Fant \$100: Frank Taylor \$50: Mrs. Hall \$20: level & compass \$138.50; thermometer \$9; theatre & slicker \$6.25; ribbon \$10.30; Alligator bag \$4.50; silk for Chaffin \$15; silver cup \$23; reclining chair \$45; broach bill 18.30; cigars & drinks \$1.75; Cheyenne Club \$4.20; tips & porters \$4; hotel bills \$33; sleepers \$16.25; R.R. fares \$223.90; stage & bus fares \$16; meals \$18 and Blanche \$524.50.

The "Wilde" of Hill & Wilde to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$10.10 above was an early day freighter named Joseph Wilde. In later years, after abandonment of Fort Laramie by the military, John Hunton and Joe Wilde lived on the post as neighbors and together just about ran the place for many years. During that period Mr. Hunton's journal furnishes a rather complete record of Joe Wilde's activities as well as his own

#### JUNE, 1883

"Fri, June 1 — Omaha. Arrived on time. Ordered set of carriage harness of Collins, price not to exceed \$110. Went to see (W. G.) Bullock land and found it in bad condition."

# From Bordeaux Day Book A. D. Gambell-Dr. bill \$4.50

Alfred D. Gambell had a career which carried him over much of the world, and started his principal activity, mining, in the California gold rush of 1849. Born in Richland county, Ohio, January 27, 1822, he began a roaming life at the age of twentytwo. After working on a Lake Erie steamer for a time Mr. Gambell took to the sea with an artic whaler, went "around the Horn" to San Francisco and then to the California gold fields in '49. In 1856. having returned to Ohio and married in the meantime, he brought his family to Colorado where he engaged in silver mining on a rather large scale and is reputed to have built the first stamp mill in that territory at Nevadaville. In 1879, after the death of his wife. Mr. Gambell transferred his activities to the Black Hills gold fields of South Dakota, where he built and equipped a number of mills. He was attracted to Hartville, Wyoming in 1882 by the mining boom in that vicinity, where he opened the Gambell mine and also installed much mining equipment and machinery throughout the area before

"Sat, June 2-U. P. R.R.-Left Omaha today for Cheyenne. Corlett speaks of buying the

retiring.

(W. G.) Bullock land and got an abstract of deed. Very heavy storm last night."

From Bordeaux Day Book

J. W. Shaw—meal 50c.

D. McPhee—Cr by 26 lbs butter.

"Mon, June 4—Cheyenne. Transacted some business. Paid Swan Bros. for cattle. George Drake come with carriage. Buggy to be built by Coffman for \$340."

From Bordeaux Day Book

James Abney per man—3 work horses in
pasture 30c. 1 meal 50c.

John Gordon-Cr by cash \$18.40.

James C. Abney operated the first scheduled stage and mail line between Chevenne and Fort Laramie during the middle '70s. He also ran a livery stable in Chevenne. Agnes Wright Spring in her "Chevenne and Black Hills Stage Routes" reprints a newspaper story of the day telling how Calamity Jane once took Mr. Abney "for a ride" in one of his own rigs, figuratively speaking. On June 10, 1876, this redoubtable frontier lass rented a horse and buggy from Abnev's livery to drive out to Fort Russell and back, Fort Russell, now the Warren Air base, was only a mile or so from Chevenne but Calamity became so preoccupied with her bottle that she went right by it without noticing and continued on her merry way throughout the night until she reached Chugwater, fifty miles further north, Next morning she must have been hangoverishly suspicious that Fort Russell had moved, but doggedly kept searching until she came to Fort Laramie. ninety miles from where she started. Apparently deciding that Fort Laramie offered opportunities for both business and pleasure which were at least worth looking into, she parked her buggy, turned old dobbin loose to graze and proceeded to make herself at home. Some days later one Joe Rankin arrived from Cheyenne, retrieved Mr. Abney's property and left Mistress Calamity peacefully to her own affairs, which are understood to have been many and varied.

"Tues, June 5—Bard's Ranch. Jones loading lumber when I left Cheyenne this morning. Worked Colin Hunter's horses to wagon, black mares to carriage."

From Bordeaux Day Book

J. A. Apperson—4 meals & lodging \$3, two horses to hay \$1.

Geo. H. Boswell-to cash \$50.

Geo. R. Mitchell—two meals & bed \$1.50, horses in pasture 50c.

"Wed, June 6—Bordeaux. Arrived here 4½ P.M. Not much work done since I left on account of high water. Creek higher this season than ever known. Meadows much damaged. Raining nearly every day. Surveyors here locating my fence."

From Bordeaux Day Book

John Phillips — two meals & bed \$1.50; horses in pasture 50c.

Wyoming Copper per J. Hilton-1300 lbs hav \$11.70.

Addoms & Glover-Cr by cash \$7.50.

Jehn Hunton-Dr to cash of Ranch \$273; to cash for 20 bulls \$1695.

John Hunton—Cr by 2 bulls of Boulter & Morgan \$650; by 156 cattle of Swan at \$60, \$9,360; expense on cattle, Whipple's bill \$70.50; cash paid Browning \$31.67.

F. P. Browning—Cr by 1 mo. 5 day work at \$40, \$46.66.

"Thurs, June 7 — Bordeaux. Settled with Frank Browning and he started East to buy some cattle with understanding that I am to pasture them at \$2.50 or \$3.00 per head. Rode through my cattle and found them all looking well."

From Bordeaux Day Book

H. Oelrich per Frank Ventling—two meals \$1, 4 mules to hay \$2, 4 feeds of grain \$1.

"Fri, June 8—Bordeaux. Looking over and arranging papers. Hands not doing anything. Rained all day."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Quartermaster Cheyenne Depot — 2160 lbs hay \$21.60; ½ cord wood \$3.75.

Frank P. Browning—Cash in full for services \$31.67; bottle gin \$2.

Quartermaster Fort Laramie — 13 meals \$4.33; 480 lbs hay \$4.80.

H. Allen surveyor — meals, lodging & horses \$56.

"Sat, June 9—Bordeaux. Surveyors left and went to (Hi) Kelly. Tom Swan, J. D. Harding & others here last night." McPhee—Cr by 29 lbs butter, Dr to two pigs \$8.

Expense — Kelly's bill: 794 lbs corn at 2c \$15.88; 247 lbs oats at 2½c \$6.17.

"Mon, June 11—Bordeaux. Worked on road leading to Goshens Hole. Jones come with the Wild teams loaded with lumber. Hard rain P.M.

"Tues, June 12—Bordeaux. Cleaning corrall, making foundations for stable sheds. Loaded copper on Wild teams.

"Wed, June 13 — Bordeaux. Carpenter, (Charley Sears) commenced work on stable sheds. Men working on road to Hole. Found fine

bull calf dead. Ford at ranch tonight.
"Fri, June 15-Working on barn & roads.

Hauled some wood to branding pen."

From Bordeaux Day Book

H. Oelrich per James Chapman—two horses to hay & grain \$2; 2 meals & lodging \$1.50.

Henry Mason — Cash \$10. Quit work last

Geo. R. Mitchell—2 meals & lodging \$1.50, 2 horses to hay & grain \$2, pck smoke tobacco 25c.

Stage Company—1960 lbs loose hay \$14.70. C. W. Right's horse left in pasture by Whitney.

The C. W. Right above was probably the same man listed in the Wyoming 1884 Brand Book as, "C. W. Wright—P.O. Address Cheyenne. Range, Bad Water, Wyoming. Brand 'JJ' with two wattles on left side of neck." "Sun, June 17—Cheyenne. Come here on coach today. Heaviest rain here yesterday ever known, much damage done.

"Mon, June 18 — Cheyenne. Here all day transacting business. Went to theatre to see Barrett in Julius Ceasar.

"Tues, June 19—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne this morning on Coach. Arrived 5 P.M. All well."

From Bordeaux Day Book

F. S. Lusk-4 horses to hay & grain \$1; 1 meal 50c.

R. S. Van Tassell—2 meals & bed \$1.50; 2 horses to hav & grain \$2.

Anglo American Cattle Co. per Ventling— 17 meals & 4 beds \$10.50; 6 head of stock to hay 2 nights \$6.

Lem Smith-2 meals & bed \$1.50.

Guthrie Bros. per W. Woods—1 meal 50c.

"Wed, June 20 — Bordeaux. Branded the 'LD' & '76' calves today, 120 in all. George Drake got hand badly hurt.

"Thurs, June 21—Bordeaux. Branded the 'B9' cattle 'LD'. Copper Co.'s train passed to Smelter.

"Fri, June 22—Bordeaux. Hauling wood. Lost one calf by death. Drove to Chug Springs."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Branded 120 calves 18 of them '16' bulls, all of the 'LD' and '16' brands. Branded 102 of the 'B9' cows, 51 of the 'B9' yearling heifers, 13 bull calves, 9 heifer calves and 6 steer calves.

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In his May 17 entry Mr. Hunton notes that he went to the Kingman place from Cheyenne with Swan to look at cattle and bought them at \$60 a head. These cattle as shown by subsequent entries were driven to Bordeaux and his day book of June 6 shows that he paid Swan \$9,300 for 156 cattle at \$60 per head. It therefore appears safe to assume that the 153 'B9' cows and yearling heifers, branded above were cattle bought from Swan on the Kingman place near Cheyenne. And the 1946 Wyoming Brand Book shows 'B9' still a registered brand of the world famous Wyoming Hereford Ranch located a few miles from the capitol city of that state.

And the Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists "John Hunton & Co.—P.O. Address Bordeaux, Wyo. Range, Chugwater, Wyo. Brands 'LD', '2', 'Rocker over IU', '16'," and a complicated symbol brand.

"Sun, June 24—Cheyenne. Left home this morning and come here on coach to fix up the Grant land & cattle trade.

"Mon, June 25—Cheyenne. Fixed the Grant papers. Bought horse of Phillips.

"Tues, June 26—Cheyenne. Sent the Phillips horse home by Bob Grant. Looked after some land business. Frank Browning arrived with his cattle."

From Bordeaux Day Book

C. A. Campbell—one month horse in pasture H Bar O \$2.50.

Geo. Mitchell—sack of corn 140 lbs at 3½c \$4.90; 11 lbs flour at \$6; 5 lbs baking powder \$2.50.

Frank Foss—1 meal, 2 feeds \$1; 3% lbs butter \$1.50; Cr by cash \$1.

Quartermaster Cheyenne Depot — Cr by cash \$25.31. Quartermaster Fort Laramie—Cr by cash \$9.13.

"Wed, June 27-Bordeaux. Arrived 5 P.M. on coach. Everything all right.

"Fri, June 29—Bordeaux. Surveyed ditch for Grant and the Grant claim.

"Sat, June 30—Bordeaux. Not doing much. Work barn, ditch, etc. Mrs. Browning arrived."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Wyoming Copper Co. order of J.H.B.—meals \$3; 6 lodgings \$3; luncheons for 6 men \$2; 2 horses to hay \$1; 2 horses feed grain 50c.

Teschemacher & deBillier-Cr by cash \$10,-

Stebbins Post & Co.—Dr to cash \$10,000.

Expense Account — Grant Land & Cattle \$6,000; Hunton's expense \$11; recording papers \$4.

Gov. J. W. Hoyt—4 meals \$2; 2 lodgings \$1; 2 mules to hay 1.

W. Woods for Guthries—two lbs tobacco \$2.

Teschemacher & Debillier per T. Shaw —
case tomatoes.

Guthrie Hord & Co .- Cr by check \$4.50.

The only "Guthrie" listed in the Wyoming 1884 Brand Book is, "Guthrie & Oskamp Cattle Company —W. E. Guthrie, General Manager, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Range, LaBonte, Wagon Hound and LaPrele Creeks. Brands, "Trovel", 'UO', "TL, 'U Bar', "WJW", 1883 83

'Bar T', 'HE', '7' 'S Bar D'," together with several variations of the above brands and a number of symbol brands.

Mr. Hunton's recorded receipts for June, 1883 include: S. P. (Stebbins Post) & Co. \$1695; J. A. Bean \$47.12; county warrant \$19.75; John Hunton & Co. \$207.31.

His principal items of expenditure were: Swan Brothers \$9360; Whipple \$70.50; Carriage Co. \$19.25; medicine \$7.50; T. S. Jones \$50; S. P. & Co. \$19.85; Blanche shawl \$12; Wightman, Whipple & Hay \$16.50; Hill & Co. \$25; A. B. Clark \$25; Robert Grant \$400; C. P. Organ \$110; Wild estate for Stubbs \$110; things for Blanche \$10.20; curtains etc. \$25.70; D. Miller \$90; cartridges \$2.75; Dr. Crook for T. C. \$3.50; Masters \$47.50; Mrs. Selig \$12.37; life insurance \$330.70; glass & pulley box \$9.70; bus & stage \$75; Blanche \$40; porters \$6.75; drinks & cigars \$9; hotels \$21.50; R. R. fares \$66; sleepers \$15; fruit & meals \$16.50; freight \$533 and recording papers \$8.90.

It will be noted above that Mr. Hunton paid Wightman of Whipple & Hay \$16.50. The exact date of this payment was June 5, 1883. On April 17, 1958, the writer received a letter from Mrs. Howard A. Robinson, Wheatland, Wyoming, containing this ancient snapshot.



WHIPPLE & HAY "SCISSORS" RANCH HOUSE Bill Wightman, Manager, with Daughter Jessie. Rosa Wilde in Doorway

We quote from Mrs. Robinson's letter: "Mrs. B. E. Lewis, of Alburg, Vermont, sent me this photograph. She is the daughter of Wm. or 'Bill' Wightman, manager of the early day spread of Whipple & Sawyer, later Whipple & Hay. It shows the 'Scissors' ranch house. Bill Wightman stands in front, Jessie Wightman beside her father and Rosa Wilde in the doorway. Jessie's mother, Elizabeth Hall Wightman, came from Vermont to the Scissors Ranch in 1880. She met Bill Wightman there and they were married in 1882."

### **JULY, 1883**

"Sun, July 1—Bordeaux. Fixed the Post Office quarterly returns. Frank Browning arrived with cattle.

"Mon, July 2—Bordeaux. Branded Browning's cattle. Cut 7 bulls. Moved some cattle to upper end pasture. Sent hand, horses & tools to work on McPhee ditch on Richard (creek). Robt. Miller here tonight."

The McPhee referred to above was probably Hugh McPhee who had a ranch in the Chugwater area during this period. His son, Hugh M. McPhee, born on the Chug December 27, 1880, worked for the Swan Land and Cattle Co., The Iron Mountain Ranch Company and other local outfits as a boy until 1901 when he established his own ranch on Duck Creek, some 25 miles west of Cheyenne.

"Tues, July 3—Bordeaux. Working about the ranch. Men cutting weeds in meadows. John Thomas, Guernsey and Arbuckle here tonight. Hunton creek and Chup high, very heavy rain."

Charles A. Guernsey came to Wyoming Territory from Albany, N. Y., in 1880, settling on the Cheyenne river. He was primarily a mining man and in 1889 secured copper and iron claims along the North Platter river some fifteen or twenty miles above Fort Laramie, where the large Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. mines are now located. Mr. Guernsey also started the town which bears his name and founded one of the best known stock ranches on the Platte river. He served in the Wyoming Territorial legislature and later in the state senate, of which body he became president. Another monument to his name and activity is the Guernsey dam, reservoir and power plant on the Platte. Mrs. Trenholm in her "Footprints on the Frontier," records that Mr. Guernsey and Elwood Mead selected the site for this dam and advocated its construction forty years before it was actually built.

From Bordeaux Day Book

Frank P. Browning—comed work at noon, 53 head cattle in pasture; Burley's services 7½ days \$7.50; George & Terrill branding \$2; horses & wood \$5.

Gov. J. W. Hoyt-Cr by cash \$4.

"Wed, July 4—Bordeaux. Mr. Miller returned from (Johnny) Gordon's and went to Cheyenne. Saw McUlvane about branding cattle.

"Thurs, July 5 — Bordeaux. Done some work on the McPhee ditch. Filed saws, made gate, repairing fence, cutting weeds.

"Fri, July 6—Bordeaux. Cutting weeds, repairing fence, making brands, etc. Wild teams arrived with lumber."

From Bordeaux Day Book

J. H. Gordon—1 meal, horses to hay \$1. Richard Trimble—1 meal, horse to hay 75c; paper & stamps 25c.

Quartermaster Cheyenne Depot-1260 lbs hay \$12.60.

"Sat, July 7—Bordeaux. All hands branding the Grant cattle. Letter from Tom (Hunton).

That child, John L. Hunton, born in Baltimore, Maryland June 29, 1883, became one of Wyoming's foremost musicians and composers. After graduating from Wyoming University young Hunton continued his musical education in Chicago, studying under some of the great pianists and composers of that day. He later established his studio in the university city of Laramie where he devoted his life to the teaching and making of music.

In 1920 W. A. Quincke & Co., music publishers of tos Angeles, published a brochure of six piano compositions by John L. Hunton entitled "Sketches of the West." Musician friends tell us this is not music to be lightly tackled by an amateur—strictly on the classical side. The six pieces, each preceded by a short foreword, are as follows:

### SAGE BRUSH

"Have you wandered in the wilderness, the sage brush desolation?"—Robert W. Service in "The Call of the Wild."

# PRAIRIE DOGS

"This short scherzo depicts the impudent, chirpy bark and quick movements of the prairie dogs. With a defiant yelp and a saucy quirk of the tail they dart down into their burrows."

### INDIAN PAINT BRUSH

"To the Wyoming state flower and the magnificent mountains, canyons and valleys that it adorns. 'A strange little flower with a sunkissed nose, without any perfume, yet red as a rose. Did some Indian Maiden plant you here in the footprint left by the hoof of a deer, or are you the symbol of blood that was shed in the feud of the white man and the red?"—From 'The Land Where the Cowboy Grows' by A. V. Hudson."

### THE JACK RABBIT

"There is something humorous, almost grotesque about the jack-rabbit as he takes his bounding zig-zag way across the plains and prairies of the West, the wild, wide setting of his usual haunts."

### AUTUMN ASPEN

"This Idyl to the mountain aspen trees, with their ever quivering leaves and beautiful coloring, hints at the wistful sadness of autumn and reminscence."

#### THE BLIZZARD

"Relentless fury, sinister menace, the wild sardonic laughter of the storm demons, as the howling wind whirls and eddys the blinding, drifting snow."

This portfolio of John L. Hunton's music was sent to the writer by Mrs. R. (Hazelle) Ferguson, of Wheatland, Wyoming. The Ferguson and Tom Hunton families were next door neighbors in Wheatland for many years. Mrs. Ferguson's father, M. R. Merrill, was a newspaper man and photographer. One of his first Jobs in Wyoming was with the old Wheatland World in 1902.

"Sun, July 8-Bordeaux. Wrote to Tom, Sis & Wm. Cave. Offered Cave \$2828 for the Carpenter dower. \$728 cash, bal. 1, 2 & 3 years.

Drove Blanche to Sunday school. Teschemacher

& Ford here tonight. Paymaster camped here.

"Tues, July 10—Bordeaux. Worked on barn well all day. Apperson (the surveyor) here. Will go to Platte Bottom tomorrow. Bargained with Bob Grant to haul, dig holes and set fence posts for 12 cts a piece, holes to be dug 30 inches deep...

"Wed, July 11—Platte Meadow. Come here today through the Goshen Hole. George Drake and Jim Houser with me. Sold Drake and Jim Houser interest in Platte Meadow. I am to have hay this year. Quit claimed it to them. Some surveyors have been in here at work."

From Bordeaux Day Book T. C. Taylor-Dr to cash \$15.

Branded the Grant or "111" cattle, 31 cows & heifers, 11 steers, 5 bulls, 19 calves.

Stage Company, Thorp—Cr by cash \$18.70.
Wyoming Development Co. order—2 meals,
1 lodging, Bell \$1.75.

J. W. Hoyt per Demacourt—1 meal, mules to hav \$1, oats 75c, lunches 75c.

"Thurs, July 12—Platte Meadow. Had to go to Cold Springs bottom to corner stone and tree It East in order to find corner in meadow, took until 4 P. M. to get back. All hands nearly played out.

"Fri, July 13 — Fort Laramie. Arrived at noon. Apperson (the surveyor) charged \$12 per day for work. Men been hauling wood. Bargained with John Denny to break horses at \$10 per head, board himself."

In addition to breaking horses, John Denny had a long career as a stage driver and "shotgun messenger"—see page 168, Vol 3.

From Bordeaux Day Book

Governor J. W. Hoyt per self—3 meals & lunch \$1.75; 3 horses to hay \$1; 35 lbs oats at 3½c \$1.25; ax & helve \$2.25.

Geo. Mitchell, self — 4 meals, two beds \$3.50; 2 horses to hay and grain \$2.

J. A. Apperson (surveyor)—Cr by cash \$4. John Hunton—Dr George Drake and Jim H. (Houser) 3½ days work each \$8.90; cash paid Gooding \$8.50.

George Drake-Dr cash \$100.

"Sun, July 15—Bordeaux. At home all day.
Put in wagon tongue for Teschemacher & DeB.
George Drake went to Cheyenne.

"Tues, July 17—Cheyenne. Come here today on coach.

"Wed, July 18—Cheyenne. Got Ira Fredendall to file desert entry on 320 acres land. Green contesting the Platte bottom claim."

From Bordeaux Day Book

F. S. Lusk—Dr 2 horses to hay and grain, balance 50c; two horses left in pasture to be fed once a day.

"Thurs, July 19 — Cheyenne. Dave Miller filed on 480 acres land near me on Antelope crook. Attended to the Wild estate business in probate court.

"Fri, July 20—Bordeaux. Come home on coach. All the county commissioners on coach going to examine Laramie and Platte bridges. John Denny commenced breaking horses. Roads very dusty.

"Sat, July 21 — Bordeaux. Started mower. Tried the Eureka machine with indifferent success. Think it's a failure. Frank arrived with men. Teschemacher went to Cheyenne."

From Bordeaux Day Book

J. C. Brown, surveyor—Cr team & driver \$6. John W. Hoyt per Henzman—1 meal &

cigar 75c; 3 clevices \$1.50; 2 horses in pasture. Stage Co.—1800 lbs baled hav. 90c, \$16.20.

Expense Account—Dr cash for horse shoes \$25; cash for stage fare \$7.

"Mon, July 23—Bordeaux. Comcd haying with full force of men. The Eureka machine not much force. Tom Hunton arrived.

"Wed, July 25—Bordeaux. Haying. 'Eureka' played out. Felt quite sick all day. Charly to put 2 coats paint on barn and ware house for \$60."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Adrian Richards with Swans—1 meal 50c. I. Bettelyoun—cigars 50c.

F. P. Browning-Dr to cash \$20.

Donald McPhee—Cr by 57 lbs butter \$19.95.

R. S. Van Tassell per Bush—two meals \$1; horses in pasture 50c.

I. C. Whipple per man with team—1 meal 50c; horses to hay 25c.

Copper Co .- Cr by cash \$69.45.

I. C. Whipple mentioned above was a pioneer Chevenne grocer and mayor of the "Magic City" during that mad gold rush of the middle '70s to the Black Hills. Fire destroyed his store but he immediately rebuilt it with a "hot air heating plant" according to Agnes Wright Spring in her "Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Routes". Mr. Whipple was also "Receiver of Public Money" for the territory (see page 137, Vol 4) and treasurer of the Hidden Treasure Mine and Mill in "The Hills", which sent a single gold "button" worth \$7,400 to Cheyenne by stage express in 1878. His energy and activities throughout this period undoubtedly had much to do with putting Chevenne "on the map" as railroad terminal and point of departure for the Black Hills in the struggle with Sidney, Nebraska for that profitable distinction.

From July 26th through the 28th Mr. Hunton was completely absorbed in his haying, an activity that was being considerably hampered by machinery breakdowns and rainy weather.

"Sun, July 29—Bordeaux. Doing nothing. Sent W. W. Corlett \$4000 to pay for the W. G. Bullock Omaha land. Letter from Mr. Bullock. Cloudy and rainy for the past three days.

"Mon, July 30 — Bordeaux. Riding about. Hands not doing much. Teschemacher here. Gilchrist and others at ranch. Heavy rain, dry creek very high.

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists: "A Gilchrist-P. O. Address Cheyenne. Range, head of Crow Creek. Brands, 'VO', 'OV', 'VOL', 'OVL', 'WMS', 'LOV', 'LVO'," and several symbol brands.

"Tues, July 31—Bordeaux. Hauling posts, manure etc. Laid out ditch on east side of creek from dam at Grant's. Work on the Owens house. Cloudy & rain."

From Bordeaux Day Book

J. W. Sanford-Dr to cash to Frenchy \$1.50.

T. C. Taylor-Dr to cash to Frenchy \$6.25.

F. St. Dennis per man—2 meals & lodgings \$1.75; horse to hav and grain \$1.

Colin McDougall-1/2 lb tobacco 50c.

The "Frenchy" to whom John Hunton Company advanced cash on behalf of J. W. Sanford and T. C. (Terrill) Taylor was the little peddler, Frenchy Cazabon, who roamed the frontier with his store on wheels. It is said of Frenchy that he was very popular, especially with the children for whom he always had some candy, and that he trusted everyone, sold even the passing cowboys anything he had on credit—and seldom lost a bill. Mrs. Trenholm, in her "Footprints on the Frontier", records that after his death a cigar box full of letters from France revealed that John (Frenchy) Cazabon was of good family and had been educated for the priesthood.

And "Colin MacDougall" who dropped in at Bordeaux for a little tobacco that long ago July day was a pioneer rancher of the area, whose son, G. D. MacDougall, is a resident of Denver. By what seems rather unusual coincidence, Mrs. Trenholm also records that it was this same Colin MacDougall who

brought to light the contents of thaf nailed up eigabox containing the letters revealing Frenchy Cazabon's ancestry and early history. Mr. MacDougall paid fifty cents for it, contents presumably unknown, at a sale.

For July 1883 Mr. Hunton shows the following receipts: J. E. McCrerry \$3520; M.E.P. (Post) & Co. \$676.67 and \$810; Copper Co. \$68.57 and the Wild Estate \$127.28.

His expenditures include: I. L. Jones \$40; M. E. Post & Co. \$176.67; H. A. Calland \$500; J. A. Apperson (the surveyor) \$60; F. Browning \$10; Wild estate \$117; brush & skin \$2.75; harness J.S.C. (John S. Collins) \$110.75; drugs \$8.50; stable \$20; horses \$500; hay stacker 25; hotel bills \$8; Nagle & Co. \$400; Bettelyoun \$6.50; land entries \$200 and meals, fruit etc. \$15.

It is interesting to note above that his bank, Stebbins Post & Co., has changed to "M. E. Post & Co." and that E. Nagle is now "Nagle & Co."

# AUGUST, 1883

"Wed, Aug 1 — Bordeaux. Men hauling posts, digging post holes etc. Hay too wet to work in.

"Fri, Aug 3—Bordeaux. Working in hay today. Tried the Eureka machine and find it a failure, will return it. Nice day, heavy rain during night.

"Sat, Aug 4-Bordeaux. Hauling posts, dig-

ging holes etc. Too rainy to work on hay. Wrote to Dr. Taylor (his father-in-law) to get him to file on desert land claim."

### From Bordeaux Day Book

Teschemacher & DeBillier per Lygon — 2 meals & lodging \$1.75; horse in pasture. Per Gunston, 2 meals & lodging \$1.75; horse to hay 50c; horse turned in pasture.

Anglo American Cattle Co. per Oakly—3 meals \$1.50; 1 lodging 75c; 2 horses to hay \$1. Wyoming Development Co.—2 horses in

pasture 13 days at 10c each \$2.60; 2 picket ropes \$1; paid O. T. Perry for taking horse to town \$5.

Stage Co.—1890 ibs baled hay \$17.01.

"Mon, Aug 6-Bordeaux. Comcd work on hay after noon.

"Tues, Aug 7—Bordeaux. Working on hay. Surveyed ditch on Grant place. Wild's teams arrived. Finished pumps in stable yards.

"Aug 8, 9, 10-Bordeaux. Work on hay, repairing machines, etc."

### From Bordeaux Day Book

Jack Witcher — tobacco & stamp 30c; to cash \$16.03; Cr by 14 days work \$16.33.

C. L. Duvall — 1 lb tobacco \$1; cash to Frenchy \$1.50; clothing \$3.

Geo. Mitchell—2 horses to hay & grain \$1; 1 meal 50c; Dr cash paid freighter \$27.16.

Expense account—105.173 lbs freight, lumber, grain etc. hauled by Wild teams at 60c, \$631.03. "Sat, Aug 11 — Bordeaux. Work on hay. Mitchell & McGeogh here to dinner. Teschy (Teschemacher) & Father and Judge Berman here today. Put up hay stacker. Very heavy rain up Richard & Chug (creeks).

"Sun, Aug 12—Bordeaux. Chug very high. Meadows overflowed in some places. Wild teams started to Cheyenne. (John) Denny quit working the colts. Teschemacher & Father left.

"Mon, Aug 13—Bordeaux. Done but little during A. M. Stacked hay P. M. Made gates. Doctored Blanche's horse."

From Bordeaux Day Book

John Denny & Pard—Dr 1 horse \$60; 23 days board for 2 men \$46; cash \$81.40. Cr by breaking 20 colts \$10 cach. \$200.

Sam D. Groves—Cr by one horse \$60.

Burley Austin—Dr to cash \$20.

Anglo American Cattle Co. per Frank Vent-

Anglo American Cattle Co. per Frank Vent ling—2 meals \$1; 4 mules to hay \$2.

Expense Account—1 Doz Toggles, bill of J.S.C. (John S. Collins) \$3.

Again we go to the dictionary which says that a toggle is "ar od, pin or bolt for inserting between the strands or through a loop of rope, through a link of chain, etc., to make an attachment, prevent slipping, or tighten by twisting."

Frank Browning — Dr cash on 400 lbs freight \$3.25; cash pd freighter 823 lbs \$7; to-bacco 25c; lumber for tables etc \$7.10; hinges & tacks \$1

D. McPhee—Cr 35 lbs butter \$12.25; 21 lbs butter \$7.35.

"Wed, Aug 15—Cheyenne. Come here today on coach.

"Thurs, Aug 16—Cheyenne. Returned the Eureka mower to Wightman as worthless. Prepared the Wild (estate) property for sale. Arthur Clark here.

"Fri, Aug 17—Cheyenne. Had a talk with Joe Night (Knight) about his herd with a view of buying for Clark & myself. Hay fever commenced on me about noon today. Telegraphed and wrote to Dr. Taylor to buy the Ed Hunton land for me."

The following bits of history concerning Joe Knight come from Mrs. Agnes Wright Spring, Colorado State Historian and writer:

"Joe Knight came to Wyoming when he was 19-ars old with trappers. When I first went to Cheyenne in 1913 Mrs. Joe Knight, a cousin of President Tyler, was wearing 'deep mourning' and lived in the house built by Richard Frewen, brother of Moreton Frewen.

"Joe Knight was also an uncle of Birdie Kane who, in later years, was police matron in Cheyenne. She was the daughter of a saddler who worked for Menea. Birdie said that her Uncle Joseph Knight was an early day hunter on plains of Wyoming and told her of seeing deer and elk standing frozen stiff during one terrible winter."

Mrs. Spring also remembers seeing a grave in

the old Fort Laramie cemetery in which; as she recalls, was buried either a wife or daughter of Joseph Knight.

From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. Mitchell per J. M. Whitney—1 meal 50c; 2 horses to hay 50c. Per Hines—3 meals & bed \$2.25; 2 horses to hay \$1,6 feeds of corn \$1.50; 40 lbs bacon \$8; 20 lbs corn 70c.

A. Gilchrist—2 meals \$1.50; 2 horses to hay 50c.

"Sat, Aug 18—Cheyenne. Sold the (Charley) Wild (estate) property at public auction. Night (Knight) priced his herd at \$120,000 and give me until Wednesday noon to decide if I would take it.

"Sun, Aug 19—Cheyenne. In hotel nearly all day feeling very badly.

"Mon, Aug 20—Cheyenne. Finished settling up the sale accounts of Wild estate."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Stage Co.—2984 lbs loose hay delivered at Chug Springs \$22.05.

"Tues, Aug 21—Cheyenne. Have been trying all day to borrow money to buy the Night (Knight) herd but cannot get it on so short time to work in. Offered A. H. Swan the Omaha (Bullock) land for \$9000.

"Wed, Aug 22—Cheyenne. Had a talk with E. W. Whitcomb about the Night herd and as I could not raise the money we concluded to buy it in partnership and close the trade. R.R. engineer went north. "Thurs, Aug 22—Cheyenne. Finished closing the trade with Farlough (?) and (Joe) Knight and entered into copartnership with E. W. Whitcomb. Knight started north. (Luke) Voorhees bargained with me to build bridge across Chug at Bordeaux for \$650."

Thus did it come about that John Hunton and E. W. Whitcomb formed a partnership to purchase the "Bar over FS" herd in the Belle Fourche country from Joseph Knight and a man named "Farlough" for "Farleigh" for \$120,000. The Wyoming 1834 Brand Book lists this partnership as, "Whitcomb & Hunton — Hugh Jackson, Foreman. P. O. Address Cheyenne, Wyoming. Brand 'Bar over FS'. Range Belle Fourche, Wyo. Calves branded on both sides. Horse brand on left shoulder."

Mr. Whitcomb is also shown individually in the Brand Book as, "E. Whitcomb—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyoming. Range, Chugwater. Brands 'Bar over EW' and 'O Bar'"

### From Bordeaux Day Book

Chas. Oelrich—Cr by cash \$2; 2 horses in pasture; horse taken out of pasture in 13 days, paid \$1.30.

Lem Smith—2 horses to hay & grain \$2; 6 meals, 3 beds \$5.25; two mules in pasture 25c; horse in pasture 10 days \$1.

"Fri, Aug 24—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne on coach this morning and arrived here at 4 P.M. The hay getting along very well.

"Sat, Aug 25-Bordeaux. Finished haying

in upper meadow and moved to Owens place. Development Co. quit work.

"Sun, Aug 26—Bordeaux. At home all day suffering with hay fever. Blanche & others went to Sunday school."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Wyoming Development Co. order—7 meals \$3.50; horse feed 50c; 3 meals & lodging \$2.25.

"Mon, Aug 27—Bordeaux. Comcd putting in hay at Chug Springs.

"Tues, Aug 28—Bordeaux. Work on hay. Frank Browning moved and commenced boarding himself. Surveyed ditch.

"Wed, Aug 29 — Bordeaux. Worked on Owens place hay. Settled with Bob Grant for his place."

### From Bordeaux Day Book

Expense Account—to work done by Char lev Sears \$305.50

Frank Browning—28 lbs potatoes 3c, 84c; 2½ lbs butter 40c, \$1; tobacco 25c; bread 25c—commenced boarding himself.

Stevens & Mizner — 7 horses in pasture. Duck Bar; 2 meals \$1; 2 horses to hay & grain \$1.

Expense Account—Cash to Robt. Grant for land \$3000.

The "Stevens & Mizner" above are listed in the Wyoming 1884 Brand Book as: "Stephens & Mizner—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, on both sides of North Platte River, between Forts Fetterman and Laramie, Wyo. Brands, 'Diamond A', 'V-7' and a symbol brand. Earmarks, crops and split right and underslope left."

"Thurs, Aug 30—Bordeaux. Finished putting in hay for Stage Co. at Chug Springs, put in 30 loads.

"Fri, Aug 31—Bordeaux. Repairing wagon, work on hay, etc. George Drake returned from trip with surveyors."

In August 1883 Mr. Hunton lists the following receipts: Ranch \$152.75; Cogshell \$13; Loomis \$1; M.E.P. (Post) & Co. \$65 and \$55.

His expenditures include: W. G. Bullock \$500; Ranch \$10; F. P. Browning \$20; (John) Denny \$81; C. Ferris \$55; Kelly, Wild estate, \$12.77; J. H. & Co. for men \$48.40; fruit & meal \$3.75; recording papers \$2.75; Lawyer Corlett, making papers, \$15 and Dare & Collins \$9.40.

### SEPTEMBER, 1883

"Sat, Sept 1—Bordeaux. Work on hay, repairing wagons, etc."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Vess Sherman-3 lbs tobacco \$3.

Geo. Mitchell per Vess—128 lbs corn 3½c \$4.48; tobacco by Beason 90c; Gerrish express \$2. Per cook—3 bars soap 40c. Horse in pasture for Stewart 7 days 70c.

Bartlett Richards—5 horse hay & grain \$5; 2 meals & bed \$1.75.

"Sun, Sept 2-Bordeaux. John London &

sister here tonight. Blanche & Mrs. Guertin went to Sunday school. Thunder storm in afternoon.

John London was the post trader at Fort Laramie from 1882 until 1888, when he was succeeded by John Hunton. The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book carries this listing: "London & London—P.O. Address Fort Laramie, Wyo. Renge, Platte River, south side, near Fort Laramie. Brand "L Bar 9."

"Mon, Sept 3 — Bordeaux. Sent two teams after logs for bridge & comcd digging for the cribs.

"Tues, Sept 4 — Cheyenne. Come here on coach. Men making hay."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Quartermaster Cheyenne Depot-3240 lbs hav \$32.40.

Quartermaster Fort Laramie—458 lbs hay \$4.58; 220 lbs corn & oats 4c, \$8.80; 13 meals \$4.33.

Development Co. per T. Bell — 1 meal & horse to hav 75c: ½ lb tea 35c.

"The T. Bell above, who stopped at Bordeaux for a meal and a bit of tea, may have been Thomas Bell, born at Port Neuf, Canada November 20, 1863. He was of Scotch ancestry but his father, Peter Bell, lived for some time in Liverpool, England before migrating to Canada with his family. Thomas was the 11th of 15 children. He came to Wyoming in 1878 and rode for the Swan Company many years. In 1892 he married Cora Root, daughter of B. A. Boot of Lusk and purchased the Node Banch some

12 miles east of Lusk in 1894, eventually developing his own cattle herd of some 4000 head.

Expense Account-Ed Carson's wages, 44 days work at \$35 month \$51.34.

D. McPhee-Cr 52 lbs butter \$18.20.

"Wed, Sept 5 — Cheyenne. Attended the Patterson sale, bought 4 Eureka mowers & one rake for \$151.

"Thurs, Sept 6—Cheyenne. Had a talk with John London & Colin Hunter about ditch and we agreed to make a preliminary survey the work of which was not to exceed \$500, London Bros., Hi Kelly, Colin Hunter & myself to bear the expense. Engaged DeHenecourt to make survey.

"Fri, Sept 7—Bordeaux. Come here today on coach. Done making hay and am working on bridge."

From Bordeaux Day Book

T. C. Taylor—stamps 75c; 1 lb tobacco \$1.
Z. Swarenger—Cr by cash \$2.25; 4 meals &

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C. Oelrich per Meyers — Cr by cash for horse in pasture 17 days \$1.70.

Benjamin & Weaver & Co.—two horses in pasture.

Benjamin & Weaver & Co. are shown in the 1884 Brand Book as: "Benjamin Weaver & Co.— P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, North Platte River, Sage, Lightning, Dry, Box and Walker Creeks. Brands, Tr., 'JH Bar', 'Z', 'Y Bar Y', 'TT' and 'V'.' "Sat, Sept 8 — Bordeaux. Working on bridge. Cut some wheat. Sulky bought of Wightman come by coach, one shaft broke.

"Sun, Sept 9—Fort Laramie. Paid off some of the hay men this morning. Tom & Henry started to Hauphoff's with mess wagon for ditch survey party and I come here with DeHenecourt in buggy. Met with a Mr. Thomas from Culpeper, Va."

# From Bordeaux Day Book

Joe Schofield, J. W. Sanford, John Mason, Gus Holbert and Dave Brice—Cr by 1 Mo. 16 days work at \$35 per Mo., each \$53.66.

Edward Banks—Cr by 4 Mo. 3½ days work at \$30 per Mo. \$123.50.

Burley Austin-Cr by 2 Mo. 22 days work at \$30 and 1 Mo. 16 days work at \$35, \$135.66.

Anglo American Cattle Co. per P. Hoyt— 9 meals \$4.50; 6 head stock to hay \$3; 19 bulls in pasture \$1.90.

N.P.D. & I. Co. (possibly North Platte Development & Irrigation Co.) per J. H.— 260 lbs corn at 2½c; 4 lbs baking powder at 40c; 10 lbs sugar at 17c; 4 lbs dried apples at 20c; 5 lbs coffee at 22c; 12 lbs onlons at 5c; 7 lbs beans at 8c; 50 lbs potatoes at 3c; 8 lbs bacon at 20c; ½ doz candles 40c; 50 lbs flour \$2.50; 8 cans peaches at 33c; 6 cans tomatoes at 33c; ½ gal syrup \$1; 36 lbs ham at 20c; ½ lb tea 50c; box matches 10c; 1 doz cans corn at 30c; 3½ lbs butter at 40c—total \$37.33. Comed use of man and mess kitchen.

Joe Schofield and David Brice rehired, comed work at \$35 per Mo.

The David Brice, who worked for Hunton in 1883 at \$35 a month, was David W. Brice who came to the territory from New York in 1881 at the age of 18. He rode the range for some years but did not remain a cowboy. In January in 1937 his widow, Mrs. Josephine M. Brice of Wheatland, Wyoming, supplied these details of her husband's early career:

"He worked as a cowboy for the Converse Cattle Co. about 1882 and '83 and for John Hunton at Bordeaux for four years. During this period the telegraph lines were being extended and an urgent demand for telegraph operators developed. Mr. Hunton asked Mr. Brice to go to Denver and learn telegraphy so that he could open a station at Bordeaux. This he did and returned in three months. He was a telegraph operator there for some three years and then opened the Uva station".

The Converse Cattle Co. for which David Brice worked in the early '80c was one of the big outfits. It is listed in the 1884 Brand Book as:

"Converse Cattle Company—A. R. Converse, President. W. C. Irvine, Vice President. J. S. Peck, Secretary & Treasurer. H. S. Manville, General Manager. P.O. Address, Cheyenne, Wyo. A. A. Spaugh, Foreman, Hat Creek, Wyo. Range, Lance Creek and its tributaries, Wyo. Brand 'OW' left side. Also own following brands:"

A full page follows showing 35 additional brands and ear marks divided between "Texas cat-

tle", "Western cattle" and "young stock". Their Colorado cattle were branded "ITX"

From Uva Mr. Brice went to the more important post of station agent and operator in the fast growing town of Wheatland. In 1903 he resigned his position with the railroad to organize the State Bank of Wheatland and continued as a leading banker in that area for the rest of his years. He was also Wheatland's second mayor, succeeding M. R. Johnston.

"Mon, Sept 10 - Camp at London Ranch. Commenced survey of ditch at Platte river near Hauphoffs and worked little more than three miles. Have some deep cuts to make the first two miles. Wrote to Blanche this morning.

"Tues, Sept 11-Camp Mouth of Sand Gulch, Surveyed six miles of ditch today. Some of it over high country. Feeling very unwell all day from effects of hav fever.

"Wed, Sept 12-Bordeaux, Could not sleep last night, had to sit up to keep from strangling. Left the survey camp and come home. DeBillier. John Thomas & others here tonight, Feel quite unwell. Work on bridge getting along all right."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Teschemacher & DeBillier per cook-3 bars soap 40c: 1 can axle grease 50c; horse in pasture. Per Fred DeB .- horse in pasture 27 days \$2.25. Per W. D .- 2 horses in pasture 8 days.

"Thurs, Sept 13-Bordeaux, Men working on bridge. Sick and in house nearly all day. Mrs.

Guertin went home.

"Fri, Sept 14—Bordeaux. Men working on bridge. Sent Terrill Taylor to the Platte surveying party. In house all day. Hay fever bad. George Drake went to town.

"Sat, Sept 15 — Bordeaux. Working on bridge. Still housed up most of time. H. Bailey & Hord here. Loaned B. surveyors compass."

The 1884 Brand Book lists: "To B. Hord & Co. —P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Lance Creek, Lightning and tributaries, Laramie County, Wyo. Brands '77' with jinglebob in right ear, 'V5 Bar', 'CZ Bar', 'K' and 'Cross'."

### From Bordeaux Day Book

Expense Acct. — Freight on bridge timber \$120.96.

J. Latta—2 meals & bed \$1.75; 1 horse to hay 50c.

F. P. Browning — tobacco 75c; cash to Frenchy \$1.75; 6 lbs butter \$2.40; plug tobacco \$1.

Howard B. Baily—4 meals \$2; 3 horses to hay & grain \$3; lodgings \$1.50; 2 extra feeds oats 50c; 2 meals \$1; 3 horses to hay & grain \$1.50.

"Sun, Sept 16—Bordeaux. Housed up most of time. Blanche went to Sunday school. Gilchrist here at noon and talked 'ditch'. Drake returned from Cheyenne.

"Sept 17, 18, 19, 20—Bordeaux. Work on bridge, fore up old bridge." From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. Mitchell per Stewart — 2 meals & lodgings \$1.75; Per Hincs—2 meals and bed \$1.75; 4 horses to hay. Per self—3 meals & bed \$2.25; horse to hay 50c.

Richard Frewen-3 horses to hay & grain \$1.50: 1 meal for man 50c.

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists: Dakota Stock and Grazing Co.—Richard Frewen, Manager. P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Hat Creek, Indian Creek and Big Cottonwood. Brands 'O Bar', 'P Lazy D', 'ND', 'ET' and several earmarks.

"Fri, Sept 21—Bordeaux. Work on bridge. Surveying party returned from Platte. Ditch requires more work than anticipated when I comed. Terrill drinking.

"Sat, Sept 22—Bordeaux. d'Henecourt left on coach. Glichrist & others here to breakfast.

"Sun, Sept 23—Cheyenne. Give Tom, Frank and George general directions what to do. Come here on coach. Blanche & Terrill with me on their way to Va. Kelly come down."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Expense Acct. — Cash to Banks for 4 Mo. 15½ days work \$102.50.

Converse Cattle Co.—Cr by cash \$43.60.

N.P.D. & I. Co. per J. H.—(Another bill of groceries) \$11.52.

Stage Co.—Dr 29 tons hay at Chug Springs at \$15 per ton \$435.

"Mon, Sept 24-Cheyenne. Busy all day

and not much done. Blanche & Terrill Taylor started to Va.

"Wed, Sept 26 — Cheyenne. Done nothing today but fix up some land papers. Received power of attorney from Dr. Taylor and Mrs. Paddleford. Wrote to Blanche.

"Thurs, Sept 27—Cheyenne. Got the estimates of ditch from the surveyor and find them much larger than expected. We will incorporate."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

Henry Mason—Dr cash to Frenchy 50c; one pr. boots \$6; socks \$2.50; express 58c; cash \$2.25.

D. McPhee—Dr to cash \$120.20; cr by 78 lbs butter at 35c \$27.30.

"Fri, Sept 28—Cheyenne. Waiting here for lawyers to fix ditch papers.

"Sat, Sept 29—Cheyenne. Still waiting and feeling guite unwell.

"Sun, Sept 30 — Cheyenne. Feeling quite unwell and lying down nearly all day. (A. B.) Clarke outfit come to town from shipping beef at Pine Bluff. Wrote to Blanche."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

Jas. Houser—Dr 2 quilts \$5; express 58c; cash \$10.

George Goodhue, freighter — 280 lbs hay \$2.80; tobacco 25c.

Mr. Hunton shows no receipts for September, 1883, on the "cash account" page of his diary and only these expenditures: Blanche \$206; Jane Golden \$30; Terrill Taylor \$160 and R.R. fare \$60.

#### OCTOBER, 1883

"Mon, Oct 1 — Cheyenne. Still waiting. Burley Austin arrived with team. A. B. Clarke and I had settlement and he renewed his notes and mortgage.

"Tues, Oct 2—Cheyenne. Loaded and started team. Still waiting on the lawyers. Wrote to B.

"Wed, Oct 3—Cheyenne. Lawyer has finished ditch papers at last and they are filed with the Secretary of the Territory. Am quite sick, Letter from Blanche."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Received from P.O. Dept.—1000 2c stamps \$20, 500 1c stamps \$5, 300 5c stamps \$15, 500 stamped envelopes \$11.10.

"Blue" Hall-Dr cash \$10; 2 meals & lodg-

ing \$1.75; 1 horse to hay.

The April, 1957 Annals of Wyoming quotes a letter from W. P. Ricketts to Bob Irvine which says that "Blue" Hall was foreman of the Searight Brothers' famous Goose Egg ranch on Poison Spider Creek in central Wyoming during 1880. W. P. Ricketts himself trailed cattle from Oregon to Wyoming for the Searights in 1879 and succeeded "Blue" Hall as their foreman in 1881.

Many years later Novelist Olga Moore Arnold made Mr. Ricketts the hero of a magazine story, "We Gave Her Spangles". She recalls that her father and Ricketts were close friends and quotes him as once saying, "I am a believer in fore-ordinationif you are going to be hanged, you won't be killed by Indians."

"Thurs, Oct 4—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne this morning on coach and arrived here 31/2 P.M. Work has gone on rather slowly. Wrote to Blanche last night.

"Fri, Oct 5—Bordeaux, Burley Austin arrived with team from Cheyenne. Not doing much. Wrote to Blanche 2 letters.

"Sat, Oct 6—Bordeaux. Attended to fence, on Grant place and give directions what hands should work at. Wrote to Blanche."

From Bordeaux Day Book

L. Voorhees—Dr man & horses 9 days \$55. Cr by cash \$55.

George Drake — Cr by cash for supplies while out for Voorhees \$6.50.

Jee Schofield—Dr 2 shirts \$5; tobacco & clgars \$1.85.

A B. (Burley) Austin—Cr by expense to Cheyenne \$7. Dr to cash in Cheyenne \$20. Quit work (and received) 38 lbs bacon, 15 lbs beans, 8 lbs onions, 15 lbs sugar, 8 lbs dried apples, 2½ lbs yeast powders, 8 lbs rice, 4 lbs lard, 100 lbs flour, 5 lbs salt, 130 lbs corn, 12 cans peaches, 12 cans tomatoes, 100 lbs potatoes, ½ lb tea, 2 lbs butter, 12 lbs ham, 560 ft lumber at 5c \$28.30, 300 lbs tar paper at 7c \$21, team & man 4 days \$16. Dr writing material \$2.20; to cash \$20.

Geo Mitchell per Vcss—140 lbs corn at 34c \$4.90 (returned); 31 lbs sugar at 18c \$5.58; 1 lb.

tobacco per Price \$1; 1 meal self 50c. Cr by check \$63.84. Per A. Stewart—horse in pasture 9 days 90c. Per Cox—two meals & bed \$1.75; 4 horses to hay \$2: 3 lbs tobacco \$3.

"Sun, Oct 7 — Cheyenne. Left home this morning and come here on coach to attend the Paddelford contested land case. Voorhees & others on coach.

"Tues, Oct 9—Cheyenne. Attended the land court in the Paddelford claim business. Only one witness. Ike Hill examined. Wrote Blanche.

"Wed, Oct 10—Cheyenne. Land case going on. Hill and Apperson (the surveyor) examined the witnesses, Wrote to B."

### From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. Stevens (Stephens) & Mizner — two horses to hay & grain \$1; 1 meal 50c; two horses in pasture.

R. S. VanTassell per Ze...... (?)—4 meals \$2; 5 horses to hay \$2.50. Per order—meals & feed \$3.50.

Teschemacher & Debillier per Personett—1 meal 50c. Per A. M.—two horses in pasture two days; mare in stable. Per Bennett—1 meal 50c.

"Thurs, Oct 11—Cheyenne. Land court met and adjourned until Saturday 10 o'clock to wait for Wilde as witness. Arranged with E. Nagle for \$10,000, 24 Mos. Wrote to Blanche. Little snow.

"Fri, Oct 12—Cheyenne. Waiting and doing nothing. Wrote to Haywood. Sent deed and

check to W. G. Bullock for \$1000. Wrote to Blanche.

"Sat, Oct 13—Cheyenne. Mr. S. Green examined before the land court and done some hard swearing. Apperson also examined. Argument deferred until next Saturday. Hill & Wilde loaded freight. Wrote to Blanche."

#### From Bordeaux Day Book

F. P. Browning—72 lbs potatoes \$1.54; 33 lbs beef at 10c \$3.30; 4 lbs butter \$1.60; writing paper 25c; tobacco 25c; cash \$2.25.

Stage Co. — Dr to 220 lbs beef for Chug Springs at 10c \$22.

D. McPhee—Dr 18 lbs beef \$1.80; Cr by cash \$1.80.

Wyo Development Co. — Dr 36 lbs beef \$3.60; 35 lbs bacon \$7; two meals & bed \$1.75; 2 mules to hay \$1; hire of horse \$2; meal & lodging \$1.25. Per order F. Maley—2 meals, mules to hay & grain 2; 100 lbs potatoes \$2. Cr by cash \$22.25.

Stage Co. per Thorp-Cr by check \$250.

"Sun, Oct 14—Bordeaux. Come home today on coach. Mrs. Snyder and her two children on coach. Beautiful day.

"Mon, Oct 15-Bordeaux. Work on fence. Killed two beeves for the ditch outfit.

"Tues, Oct 16—Bordeaux. Shoeing horses (Stage Co. shoes). Work on fence closing the road. Wrote to Blanche." From Bordeaux Day Book

Expense Acct. — Cash to Blacksmith for shoeing 17 horses \$15.

"Wed, Oct 17—Bordeaux. All hands rounded up cattle in pasture and cut cows and calves and put big calves in pen. Ditch contractors and outfit here. Wrote to Blanche.

"Thurs, Oct 18 — Bordeaux. Branded 80 calves and worked on calf lot & shed. Wrote to Blanche."

From Bordeaux Day Book

George Guthrie—Dr 130 lbs hay \$1.30. Hill & Wilde credit by 14,788 lbs freight \$73.94. Dr to cash \$70; meal & horse feed \$1; 1 sack corn 144 lbs.

Cattle Acct. Cr one "111" steer sold \$54.80; 3 "111" steers sold \$172.72; 1 steer sold in Chicago \$40.73. Branded 10 cows, 3 calves "111" cattle. Branded 24 bull calves; 36 heifer calves; 20 steer calves. 5 branded calves have died since June branding.

C. P. Organ-Dr cash \$250.

Anglo American Cattle Co. per Ventling— 135 lbs hay \$1.35; 6 meals \$3; 6 horses to hay \$3; oil can \$1.50; 8 head stock to hay \$4.

"Sat, Oct 20—Bordeaux. Rounded up Mc-Ulvane pasture and put all the "111" cattle in Grant pasture. Fixing to butcher etc. Letters from Terrill (Taylor) and Blanche announcing the killing of Phil Page by John Hall. Wrote to Blanche, sister and Terrill.

"Sun, Oct 21-Bordeaux. Butchered three

steers for ditch outfit. F. DeBillier here tonight.
Wrote to Blanche. Splendid day.'

"Mon, Oct 22—Bordeaux. Sent Jim Houser to SaBylle (Sybille) with beef. Hauling hay, made gate, worked on calf shed. George Drake & Dave Brice went to "TY" Ranch to round up and get cattle there and put them in Grant pasture & did so & returned. Wrote to B. Comcd raining fast at 3 P.M. Snowing at 6 P.M.

"Tues, Oct 23—Bordeaux. Jim Houser returned. Hauled some hay. Hugh Jackson passed to Cheyenne. Wrote to Blanche. Snowed nearly all day."

Joe Wilde per J. (Posey) Ryan—41 lbs corn \$1.40.



POSEY RYAN'S CABIN (Courtesy of Everett Labertew)

This cabin, with Indian women, children and tepees in the foreground, was located five miles west of Fort Laramie on the old Guernsey Ranch. U.S. Signal Corps photograph No. 87,292, taken about 1890.

W. C. Bradbury & Co. (the ditch contractors)—Dr 2159 lbs beef at 8c \$172.72. Dr. Petter Simmons—4 meals, 2 beds \$3.50. Per F Widdin—2 meals \$1.

Lem Smith per Jno. Williams—Dr 1 horse to hay 50c; 2 meals & lodging \$1.75.

R. Thorp Stage Co .- Cr by sundries \$31.15.

"Wed, Oct 24 — Bordeaux. Making fence. Drake went to Orr place to work cattle. Snow 6 in. deep, ground very soft. Wrote to Blanche.

"Fri, Oct 26—Bordeaux. Rode around pasture. Found fence and cattle all right. Killed three "111" beeves. Making fence. Wrote to Blanche.

"Sat, Oct 27-Bordeaux. Sent Jim Houser with beef to Ditch Camp. Making fence. George Drake returned with 8 branded cattle & 3 calves. Loaned Bradbury & Co. grain. Wrote to Blanche."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

Goggesshall & Andrews, per E. E. Bloss, Frank Merrill foreman—two meals 2 beds \$3.50; 1 horse in stable 50c; 16 horses in pasture \$1.60.

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—10 sacks, 1660 lbs oats; 25 sacks, 3625 lbs corn; 2060 lbs hay \$15.45; 2 pigs \$5; 3124 lbs beef at 8c \$249.92; 9500 lbs hay \$95.

"Sun, Oct 28—Bordeaux. Bargained with Bradbury & Co. to furnish 50 tons hay delivered at camp on Sabyle at \$20 per ton.

"Tues, Oct 30—Bordeaux. Sent two loads hay to Bradbury. Working on fence and in shop.

deHennecourt come. Wrote to Blanche.

"Wed, Oct 31 — Bordeaux. Tom Hunton, Frank Browning & George Drake butchering. Commenced surveying at Grant corner. Wrote to Blanche."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. Mitchell per Sandy—Six horses to hay & grain \$6; 8 meals & lodgings \$7.25; 5 horses to hay in corral \$1. Per Vess—2 meals, horses to hay \$1.50.

Duke Gardner-Dr 1 lb tobacco \$1.

The following receipts totaling \$4,400 were recorded by John Hunton during October, 1883; A. B. Clarke \$500; Colin Hunter \$65; M. E. Post & Co. \$255.75; Wild estate \$2221.90; 1st National Bank \$1000; J. Hunton & Co. \$40.73; Ranch & beef \$363.

His expenditures of \$6,000 included: Austin \$20; shoes for George \$3; M. E. Post & Co. \$500, \$2221.90 and \$120; I. Bettelyoun \$255.75; theatre \$2; T. Chase \$33.75; tips & chambermaid \$1; Jamison \$10; Warren & Co. \$2.50; Guitterman \$6; G. J. Burchner \$165; Corlett & Rosendale (lawyers) hay \$400; Blanche \$100; strychnine \$2.50; Terrill \$82.35; medicine \$2.50; (General) Kemper \$289.33; Taylor \$74.90; land entry \$160; U. M. Co. \$300; Wild estate \$16.90; W. G. Bullock \$1000, Mrs. Hall \$50; Whitcomb & Hunton \$40.73; Hill & Wilde \$70;

Rhodes & Troxel \$75; John Williams \$30; meals \$2.50 and drinks & cigars 3.50.

The "Guitterman" above to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$6, may have been a man listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: "William Guiterman—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range on the Bellefourche, Wyo. Brand 'Cross L'."

#### NOVEMBER, 1883

"Fri, Nov 2—Bordeaux. Surveying on Chug Springs branch. Mail has changed time. Teams went to Bradbury's camp with hay and beef. Henry Mason guit work. Wrote to Blanche.

"Sat, Nov 3—Bordeaux. Surveying teams returned. Sam Groves, Guthrie & others here tonight. Gilchrist & Bradbury went to town on coach.

"Sun, Nov 4—Bordeaux. Finished the land survey and house measurements. Joe commenced work around the house. George Mitchell and his father here tonight."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Dr 153 lbs corn at 2½c \$3.82; 17,552 lbs hay \$170.15. Cr by cash \$584.24. Dr cigars 50c; 3 meals \$1.50; 2020 lbs beef at &c \$161.60.

Henry Mason-Dr cash \$97.67. Cr by 6 Mo. 1 days work \$181.

Teschemacher & DeBillier per T. Shaw—2 meals, 10 horses to hay \$2.25; Per Bennett—265 lbs hay, bread 40c \$3.05; lodging 75c.

Maj. Goldsmith & Fisher—4 meals, 2 beds \$3.50; two horses to hay & grain \$2; 52 lbs oats \$1.85. Cr by cash \$7.35.

Maj. Goldsmith & Fisher above appear in the 1884 Brand Book as: "Goldschmidt, Fisher & Co.— P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Bridger's Ferry, Shawnee Creek and Lost Springs, north side North Platte River. Brands, 'X Lazy H' and 'D Diamond D!."

Wyoming Development Co. per Gilchrist—meals & bed \$1.75; horse hire \$2; team & buggy 2 days \$6. Per Henzman 1605 lbs hay \$12; 100 lbs potatoes \$2.

Frank Browning—tobacco 50c; freight on churn & tray 30c; pck of stamped envelopes 60c; 50 lbs flour \$2.25; cash to Jim \$1.50; cigars 25c; 24 lbs potatoes 48c.

Sam D. Groves-Dr cash \$60.

John Owens—Dr 1 meal, team to hay \$1; 50 lbs hay 50c. Cr hauling flour to Bradbury 50c.

James H. Houser-Dr cash \$35.

Cattle Acct.—1 "111" steer, 1 "111" cow, 1 "LD" cow sold for beef \$131.20.

"Mon, Nov 5—Bordeaux. DeHennicourt ran a level from the ford at the bridge to the notch in the Goshen hole. Jim Houser went to Cheyenne with wagon. Tom Hunton and George Drake went on coach. Tom will go to Baltimore. Wrote Blanche long letter telling her how to come & sent \$100.

"Tues, Nov 6-d'Hennecourt went to Cheyenne. Sent load hay to ditch camp. cattle

"Thurs, Nov 8—Hi Kelly's Ranch. Made hay rack and loaded 2 wagons to go to ditch camp. Give general instructions as to what was to be done and come here in ambulance with Tom Moore, on way to Chevenne."

From Bordeaux Day Book
Tom Hawk—Dr 105 lbs potatoes \$2.10.
W. Wholesaple—Dr 102 lbs potatoes \$2.04.
"Fri, Nov 9—Cheyenne. Arrived here on coach at 4 P.M. Clark here to buy Draper's

"Sat, Nov 10—Cheyenne. Clark & Hunton bought 100 head of cattle from Draper paying \$1000 cash, \$2500 in 1 year. Fixing to start to Chicago & started on evening train.

"Sun, Nov 11—Omaha. Arrived here in due time. Stopped at the Paxton and was given a miserable room."

From Bordeaux Day Book

W. C. Bradbury & Co. — 16,825 lbs hay \$166.93. Per Walking Bros. — 2 meals \$1; 2 horses to grain 50c. Per Bradbury—saddle horse 2 days \$2; 20 sacks corn \$27; 9 sacks oats \$15.75.

C. Chandler per J. Moore — 19 horses in pasture \$1.90; 4 meals, 2 lodgings \$3.50; 50 lbs hay 50c.

The "J Moore" who stopped at Bordeaux that fall of 1883 with a bunch of horses presumably belonging to C. Chandler, may have been Johnson County's pioneer Indian fighter, rancher, philosopher and politician—Jack Moore. He was riding range for the fabulous Frewen Brothers and other

outfits in those days. Many of his exploits and much of his philosophy have been refreshingly perserved by his daughter, Novelist Olga Moore Arnold, in stories about the Old West. In her book, "I'll Meet You in the Lobby", Mrs. Arnold tells how the somewhat unusual slogan, "Hit 'em With an Ambulance", became a rallying cry for the Moore family in times of stress. At the young, but not tender, age of 16 her father was with a group of cavalrymen trailing a large band of hostile Indians. One evening the scouts discovered their quarry camped dead ahead on the bend of a stream. An immediate surprise attack was ordered and the force split smartly to right and left, planning to close in on the enemy from both sides. But young Moore, assigned to the unglorious job of driving the ambulance, and an equally bored young lieutenant with an injured leg. were left behind to wait. This situation was not to the liking of these two adventurous spirits and they exchanged long looks. As the first shots of the attack cracked the evening quiet startled soldiers saw their ambulance bouncing wildly forward, its horses apparently running away, charging straight for the heart of the Indian village and pouring fire from both sides. This awesome new secret weapon of the pale faces, with whooping, shooting troopers galloping hard on its wheels, must have startled the redskin warriors, too. Braves scattered in all directions at its approach and the ambulance took six prisoners that night.

A year later (1875 or '76) Jack Moore was in the hospital at old Fort Laramie with a wound in his thigh, received during an Indian attack on his father's wagon train.

"Mon, Nov 12—Omaha. Surveyed the Bullock land and established the corners. Met with many acquaintances. Called to see Mrs. F. M. Phillips.

"Tues, Nov 13—C. & R.I. R.R. Left Omaha for Chicago.

"Wed, Nov 14 — Chicago. Arrived here, stopping at the Palmer. Went to Haverly's Theatre and witnessed the spectacular play of 'The Devil's Auction'."

> From Bordeaux Day Book J. Latta—Cr by cash \$2.25.

The "J. Latta" who stopped at Bordeaux for two meals, a bed and hay for his horse on September 15. 1883, and then returned to pay his bill of \$2.25 for same on November 12, was a great uncle of W. A. (Bill) Latta who is one of today's freighters in the Fort Laramie region. But certain changes have taken place between then and now. The Jack Latta of 1883 traveled through an unsettled, townless and practically uncharted countryside. His roads were the wheel-made ruts and rough trails of stage coach and slow plodding bull trains. The fuel sold by filling stations of his day was hav and grain. In contrast, Freighter Bill Latta of 1957, although traveling the same countryside, moves on graded roads and oiled highways bordered with modern towns and communities-well, most of the time at least, And he helps to move the livestock and produce of these rich Platte and Laramie valleys in speedy, highpowered trucks which cover as many miles in a few minutes as the ox-powered freighter could make in a long, hard day.

But regardless of changed and changing conditions the essential work and business of living goes on and on much as always and probably will continue to do so, with each succeeding generation gradually shouldering the burden from its tiring predecessor.

Anglo American Cattle Co. per Ventling— 9 horses to hay \$4.50; 2 meals \$1.

Johnson, stage driver-tobacco \$1.25, paid.

"Thurs, Nov 15 — Chicago. National Convention of Stock Growers met at the Grand Pacific. Visited fat stock show.

"Fri, Nov 16 — Chicago. Blanche and Dr. Taylor arrived here. Had quiet talk. Took the Doctor to see fat stock show. Went to Haverley's to see 'The Devil's Auction'.

"Sat, Nov 17—Chicago. Attended the fat show and other places of interest to Dr. Taylor. Went to Grand Theatre at night. Blanche done some shopping."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Laramie County Road Viewers per E. P. Snow—840 lbs hay \$8.40; two horses to hay & grain \$2; 1 meal & bed & cigars \$1.50; 60 lbs oats at 3½c \$2.10; bill hay & grain \$7.80.

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book carries this entry: "Snow Cattle Company—P.O. Address Goodwin's Ranch, Wyo. Range, Horse Creek, Laramie County, Wyo. Brands 'Flying L C', 'CT', 'Hat on left shoulder', 'HD', 'Y Bar'," and several other symbol brands.

"Goodwin's Ranch" mentioned above, was scheduled on the old Cheyenne-Black Hills stage route as "Horse Creek Ranch", but better known in those days as "Fagan's Ranch", described more fully in the foreword to Volume II of this journal. Michael Fagan sold it in 1877 to a man named Moore and Mr. Moore sold out about 1880 to Oliver P. Goodwin,

F. P. Browning—Dr to cash \$2.25; 25 lbs sugar at 12½c \$3.37; 12 bars of soap; to cash to Frenchy 85c; 70 lbs potatoes; 9 pounds onions; tobacco & cigars 75c.

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Dr 20,040 lbs hay, 112 bales. \$200.40; Cr by check \$8.75.

A. P. Arbuckle per J. Jones—135 lbs hay \$1.35.

The "J. Jones" above, who stopped at Bordeaux to pick up 135 pounds of hay for Mr. Arbuckle, may have been John Jones, one of the many Britishers who helped settle early Wyoming and to wrest possession from the native tribes. Born August 15, 1840. in Herefordshire, England, the youngest of nine children, Mr. Jones came to America in 1868 and gradually worked his way westward. He reached Colorado during 1871 and tried farming in the Greeley-Fort Collins area until about 1877 when he scttled on Horseshoe creek in Wyoming—where roaming bands of unfriendly Indians were still the most numerous inhabitants. Three years later John Jones moved to Wagon Hound creek and finally established headouarters at the J. H. Kennedy

ranch on LaPrele about 1883, where he built up a considerable herd. Mr. Jones sold his cattle and retired in 1898—but not for long. He bought the George ranch on LaPrele, some 15 miles west of Douglas, in 1901 and stocked it with 500 Shorthorns.

The Kennedy mentioned above is listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: "J. H. Kennedy—P.O. Address Fort Fetterman, Wyo. Range, LaPrele Creek and Upper Box Elder, Albany County, Wyo. Brands, "UH connected:" and 'KIL', the IXL connected."

"Sun, Nov 18—Chicago. At hotel all day. Dr. Taylor started home. Blanche & I rode about the city.

"Mon, Nov 19—Chicago. B. and I both done some shopping and went to Stock Show. Met some acquaintances. Went to theatre.

"Tues, Nov 20 — Chicago & Rock I. R.R. Left Chicago at noon. Bought anvil & (?) of Kimbark and shipped via C.M. & St. P. Sold ½ of Omaha land to A. H. Swan and ½ to W. A. Paxton at 210 per acre. Kept ½. Papers to be made out when I get to Cheyenne, terms cash or its equivalent."

From Bordeaux Day Book Peter Paulson-140 lbs hay \$1.40, paid.

Peter Paulson was born December 13, 1836, in Sweden and followed the trade of wheelwright until 1870 when he came to America and got a job with the Union Pacific railroad. He married a Swedish girl, Johanna Olson, at North Platte in 1872 and brought his bride to Cheyenne where he made army wagons at Camp Carlin for about ten years. Mr. Paulson quit this job in 1883 and settled with his family along Horseshoe creek, on land which later became the Conologue ranch. He was a successful rancher in this community for the rest of his years and it seems more than likely that Peter was headed for his new home on Horseshoe creek that fall day of 1883.

Robert Walker—2 meals & cigars \$1.50; 2 horses to hay 11 days \$11.

"Wed, Nov. 21—U.P. R.R.. Come through all right. Tried to see (F. M.) Phillips in Omaha but could not.

"Thurs, Nov 22 — Cheyenne. Arrived here this morning on time. Got some mail and heard of death of Portugee Phillips.

"Fri, Nov 23—Cheyenne. Staying here for few days for Blanche to have some dentistry done. Sold out the 'Goshens Hole Ditch' to Sturgess (perhaps Sturgis) & Co."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Malcolm Campbell per Dan-3 meals & bed \$1.75; 2 horses to hay 3 days \$3; to cash \$10.

Albert Henzman—Dr 140 lbs corn \$4.90; 95 lbs wire at 11c \$10.45; 4 meals \$2; team to hay \$1; 90 lbs potatoes \$1.80 and nights lodging 75c.

"Sat, Nov 24 — Cheyenne. Settled some bills. Squew (Skew) Johnson & Clinton Graham come to town. Raffle for Emery horse. (Hi) Kelly got him and lost him to Charlton.

"Sun, Nov 25—Cheyenne. Went to Baptist Church in morning & Presbyterian at night. "Tues. Nov 27—Bordeaux. Hired team of Abney and come to Bards where I met my team and George Drake and come home, getting here by sundown. Everything all right. Foss here working on telephone. Mouseau here tonight."

M. A. Mouseau ran one of the earliest road ranches on LaBonte creek and also owned another ranch at Twin Springs near Horseshoe creek. These two ranches and others in the area were burned out by the Sioux in 1868 but Mouseau and his family escaped with their lives to Fort Fetterman. (See Battle of Horeshoe Creek, (Page 89, Vol. 3). Baptiste Garnier (Little Bat), Lallee's brother, married Mouseau's daughter in the late "10s.

## From Bordeaux Day Book

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Dr 20,058 lbs hay, 108 bales, \$200.58. Per Barrett & Thomas—4 meals \$2. Per C. H. Potts—6 feeds of oats \$1.50; 1 meal 50c.

Geo. Mitchell—self & Vess 2 meals \$1. Per W. Parks—Dr 2 meals & bed \$1.75; 4 horses to hay \$2; horse in pasture brought from Kelly's; to freight bill \$10.

Stevens & Mizner—Dr 1 horse in pasture 3 months \$7.50; 2 horses in pasture 2 months 13 days \$7.60; 2 horses to hay & grain \$2; 2 lunches \$1; 180 lbs oats, 50 lbs corn \$7.30; 2 horses hay & grain 2 days \$4; meals & lodgings \$4. Cr by cash \$37.40.

Anglo American Cattle Co. per Ventling—3 meals \$1.50; 8 mules to hay \$4.

John Hunton-Dr cash of Ranch \$216.16; cash for bridge \$682.50; cash for one "111" steer \$38.51. Cr by taxes paid to county \$315.38; cash to Clark for coal oil \$3; cash for copper rivets \$1.20; cash H. H. Haas bill \$55.75; cash to C. P. Organ \$250.00

"Wed, Nov 28—Bordeaux. Teams hauling hay, fencing, etc. Telephone completed and works well.

"Fri, Nov 30—Bordeaux. Teams went to Ditch Camp with hay. Frank Browning and Joe Schofield working on fence around Grant field."

During November, 1883 Mr. Hunton recorded the following receipts of more than \$4,000: Ranch \$600; county (building the bridge across the Chug) \$682.50; M. E. Post & Co \$824; A. B. Clarke \$200; Ditch Co. \$1500 and Gen. J. L. Kemper \$216.56.

His expenditures of \$5100 included: Henry Masson \$100; Frank Browning \$60; Tom Hunton \$684; George Drake \$22.35; Sam Groves \$80; W. G. Bullock \$6.37; G. A. Draper \$500; E. W. Whitcomb \$224.37; G. A. Draper \$500; E. W. Whitcomb \$224.37; G. A. d'Hennecourt \$20; John Chase 20; books & oil \$5; M. E. Post & Co. \$924; gloves \$2.25; surveying \$5; ammunition \$32; anodrhoids (?) \$50; underwear \$35; ticket and hotel for Dr. T. (Taylor) \$35; J. London \$250; Kelly \$279; Hunter \$279; Chase \$63; Organ \$250; Calland \$182; Haas \$145; Bard (road ranch \$14.55 Abney (livery) \$10; Gen J. L. Kemper \$101; Blanche \$160; carriage hire \$15.25; taxes \$559.90; sleeper & R.R. fares \$74.50; tips \$7.25; hotel bills \$70.75; theatre & treats \$27.40.

#### DECEMBER, 1883

"Sat, Dec 1—Bordeaux. Rode among the cattle and turned 87 head in the Grant pasture. Hauling hay to barn. Miss Arbuckle come."

#### From Bordeaux Day Book

Joe Schofield—Dr coat of Hunton \$6; S.&H. bill \$16.25; tobacco \$1; cash \$94.48. Cr 3 & 17/30 Mo. work at \$35 per Mo. \$124.83.

Quartermaster Cheyenne Depot—3925 lbs hay \$39.25; 15 lbs oats 50c; 40 lbs corn \$1.20; 26 meals \$13—\$53.95. Cr by cash \$53.95.

Quartermaster Fort Laramie—1050 lbs hay \$10.50: 196 lbs oats issued. Cr by cash \$10.50.

0.50; 196 lbs oats issued. Cr by cash \$10.50. David Brice—Dr cigars 25c; pr. boots \$5.60.

F. P. Browning—Dr tobacco & cigars \$1.50; writing paper 25c; 50 lbs flour \$2; cash \$10; 2 gals coal oil \$1.

James H. Houser—Cr expenses to Cheyenne \$9.75.

"Sun, Dec 2-Rock Ranche. Left home this morning. Saw Bettelyour on road and talked with him about starting a partnership cattle ranch on Laramie. Nooned at Fort Laramie. Working black mares. Drake with me. London wants 2/5 of Ditch money. Fannie, the off mare, sick.

"Mon, Dec 3—Platte Meadow. Fannie, the off mare, died at Rock Ranche. George (Drake) went to meadow and Austin went to Rock Ranche for me with the two mules he has. Surveyed Austin's claim and the Paddelford desert

claim. No hay cut on latter claim this year but little last year.

"Tues, Dec 4 — Fort Laramie. Come here today from the Platte bottom."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

William Wholesapple—1196 lbs hay Chug Springs.

H A. Blair per Chase—two horses to hay & grain \$2; 6 meals \$3.

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists: Henry A. Blair—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Powder River, Johnson county, Wyoming. Principal brand, an oblong box with small circle on top. Other brands, '44', '51', '1S', '1C', 'U' and rocker over a diamond.

Wm. Bacon per Dan Campbell—2 meals \$1; 4 horses to hay \$1; Per Eben—2 horses to hay \$1; 2 meals & lodging \$1.75.

"Wed, Dec 5—Bordeaux. Come home today. Everything all right. Goose (horse) come home last night. Teams gone to ditch camp with hay. Telegraphed deHennecourt to come here to work for Stevens & Mizner. Old Latta here tonight.

"Thurs, Dec 6—Bordeaux. Posting books. Gilchrist passed on coach. Killed two pigs. Snowed all night and nearly all day. Snow deep.

"Fri, Dec 7 — Bordeaux. deHennecourt come and went with Mizner. Latta left. Posted books. Balmy day. 8 P.M. threatening snow." From Bordeaux Day Book

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Dr 10,055 lbs hay,
 bales, \$100.55. Per Smith—3 bales hay at
 \$1.35 per bale \$4.05. Cr by 1204 lbs oats returned.
 Dr meals \$2: 6 mules to hav \$3.

L. Latta—Dr 80 lbs tallow at 9c \$7.20; meals & horsefeed \$4.50.

John Hanney — Comcd work December 4. Dr tobacco \$1; cash to Frenchy for gloves \$2; 1 plug tobacco \$1.

"Sun, Dec 9 — Bordeaux. Done nothing. Blanche and Miss Arbuckle went to Sunday school.

"Tues, Dec 11—Bordeaux. Hauling wood, fixing hay rack. Some cattle got out of pasture in the Goshen Hole.

"Wed, Dec 12—Bordeaux. Hauling wood, looking over papers. Wrote to Bradbury would trade 30 tons hay for 30,000 feet lumber. Weston passed."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Cattle Acct. — Branded Nov 24—6 "111" Cows, 1 "111" steer, 5 "111" calves, 5 "B9" calves.

Horses on hand Nov 24—10 work horses, 4 saddle horses, 39 brood mares, 8 4-yr old geldings, 8 3-yr old geldings, 5 2-yr old geldings, 5 2-yr old mares, 5 1-yr old mares, 22 colts, 1 stallion (Ethan), 1 horse Old Jim.

Teschemacher & Debillier per J. Shaw—3 meals \$1.50; two horses to hay 50c; order of M. R. Gardner \$15. Jim Shaw, who stopped at Bordeaux that December day in '83 for meals and hay for his horses, was range manager for Teschemacher & deBillier from 1881 until they went out of business in 1892 casualties of the 'Johnson County War'. Young Shaw is pictured below.



JAMES C. SHAW

This photograph was taken by H. R. Marks, Austin, Texas, and loaned for reproduction here by Jim Shaw's daughter, Mrs. Patti (Shaw) Gray.

Jim Shaw's relation with his employers, and especially with Hubert Teschemacher, was one of close personal friendship as well as business. Mrs. Patti Grav recalls that the train carrying the 'invaders' of Johnson county northward from Chevenne was scheduled for a short stop at Orin Junction, a few miles from their home, and that her father listened until he heard it whistle down the track. then jumped on his horse and galloped through the night to the Junction where he pleaded vainly with Teschemacher to leave it and come with him. Later. after the ill-fated adventure failed so ungloriously. when the 'invaders' were under technical arrest in Laramie and Chevenne, Jim Shaw called to see his good friend-and Teschemacher broke down, sobbing over his failure to follow Jim's advice.

That was the end of Teschemacher & deBillier as Wyoming cattle barons, and when they faded from the early western picture Jim Shaw acquired at least part of their holdings, including the huge log ranch house they had built, which still stands, sturdy as a rock, a few miles south of Orin Junction, just off today's modern highway.

In this house Jim Shaw raised his family, and died. And in this house his daughter, Patti Gray, in turn raised hers. Mr. and Mrs. Gray now (1959) live there alone, except for the companionship of a host of relatives and friends, their own children grown and gone forth into the world.

This is a remarkable house, kept in a fine state of cleanliness and repair, inside and out, by Mr. and Mrs. Gray. Its large, well finished rooms are filled with furniture of another age, rich tapestries and oil paintings, candelabra chandeliers, trophies of the chase and a library lined from floor to ceiling with thousands of old books. It is like, stepping into a rich and luxurious home of the last century—and that indeed is what it was and is—a still cherished castle and stronghold of culture and refinement that was built and preserved on yesterday's wild frontier.

As this is written (1958) it is understood there is some danger this landmark may be flooded by the man-made lake formed by the new Glendo dam on the Platte River, a number of miles down stream. Should that happen it will be another example of how "progress" must often be paid for by the loss of ancient and holy things.

Hunter & Bergman per man with team—5 mules to hay \$2; 4 feeds of grain \$1; lunch 50c; 4 meals \$2. Per W. Clark—2 meals \$1; 4 mules to hay \$1; 190 lbs hay \$1.90.

Expense Acct-telephone 1st quarter \$24.

"Thurs, Dec 13 — Bordeaux. Working on fence & making gate, deHennecourt & Mizner here to dinner. Sawed foot off sorrel horse.

"Fri, Dec 14—Bordeaux. Working on fence. Made two gates. Hammond here tonight.

"Sun, Dec 16—Bordeaux. Nothing. Blanche and Miss Arbuckle went to Sunday school."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Wilson Woods—Cr by 31 posts at 30c \$9.30. Frank Boise—Cr by 31 posts at 30c \$9.30; by cash from McDougall \$1.50.

Mrs. Weber—Dr meals & lodgings \$2; two horses to hay \$1; Cr by cash \$2.50.

The Mrs. Weber above may have been the wife of John Weber who was born in Bavaria, Germany June 17, 1839. He migrated to America in 1861 and married a German girl, Mary Trimmel, in Rochester, N. Y., September 2, 1862. Mr. Weber enlisted with the Union forces in 1864 and served through the Civil War in the Army of the Potomae, after which he reenlisted and was transferred to the western frontier. He was stationed at Fort Laramie from about 1876 until his discharge in 1881, when he took up land on the Platte river some three miles east of the Old Fort. In 1888 he moved his head-quarters five miles further down the Platte where he raised cattle, horses and a family of seven children.

Geo. Mitchell per Parks — 2 meals & bed \$1.75; two horses to hay \$1, 1 bed \$1.25.

Whipple & Hay per J. McCormick—4 meals & bed \$3.50; 2 horses to hay \$1.

Cowboy John J. McCormick above was a Kentuckian, born in Louisville April 26, 1830. He came to Cheyenne in 1872 and worked for some years as a government freighter between the "Magic City", Fort Laramie and other frontier posts. Then he took to cowboying, first for George W. Baxter near Lander and later for Hunton's friend and neighbor F. M. Glutcher) Phillips. When Mr. Phillips sold to Whipple & Hay (see April 21, 1883 entry) young McCormick continued in his saddle for the new owners. May 27, 1885 there was a wedding at Pollard's "P.C."

ranch on the Laramie—John McCormick and Minnie L. Sutherland were married. The couple started ranching for themselves on the Laramie, not far from the Old Fort, in 1890. In later years Mrs. Mc-Cormick was postmistress rt Grayroccks



## McCORMICK-SUTHERLAND FAMILY GROUP

From left to right—Sutherland boy, first name not known; John McCormick; his wife, Minnie (Sutherland) McCormick; Emma Sutherland; the next girl unidentified; Pat Daly and three of the McCormick children in foreground.

Photograph courtesy of Mrs. Howard A. Robinson, Wheatland, Wyoming, who calls attention to the old style flowerbed frame in background.

"John McCormick made cash final proof December 18, 1883, on land in Section 24, Township 25 North, Range 67 West."

The above quotation is from an article written by John Hunton, entitled "Early Settlement of the Laramie River Valley" and published on September 1, 1927 in the "Fort Laramie Scout".

E. Westcott, Swans man-cigars \$1.50.

"Mon, Dec 17—Worked on fence. Hauling wood, etc. Put tongue in wagon.

"Tues, Dec 18—Bordeaux. Letter from Dr. Taylor & others. Wrote Dr. Taylor would give \$2828 for Dower and Mike \$25—. Cleaning corralls, etc. Snowed all day.

"Wed, Dec 19 — Bordeaux. Worked on horsepower to hay press. Hauling hay to barn. Letters from Dr. Taylor to Tom Hunton. Offered George Goodhue \$1500 for team. Snowed nearly all day."

### From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. Goodhue—Dr 6 mules to hay 2 nights \$6; 6 meals \$3; 135 lbs hay \$1.35.

A. P. Arbuckle per Jones — 555 lbs hay \$5.55; 50 lbs flour \$2.50.

"Thurs, Dec 20—Bordeaux. Finished the horsepower. Hauling hay. Fencing in hay stacks.

"Fri, Dec 21—(Hi) Kelly's Ranch. Left general instructions with all hands what to do. Told Frank Browning I would not want him after Christmas. Started to Cheyenne on coach.

"Sat, Dec 22 — Cheyenne. Arrived here at 3 P.M. Kelly come in."

#### From Bordeaux Day Book

G. A. DeHemacourt—team to hay 5 days \$5; 4 meals, 2 beds \$3.50; 4 feeds of grain \$1.

I. N. Bard—Dr 4 meals & 2 lodgings \$3.50;
5 horses to hay \$2.50, Paid.

"Sun, Dec 23—Bordeaux. Saw by the morning papers that the U. S. have commenced suit against (Hi) Kelly and myself to cause us to move fence from Govt. lands.

"Mon, Dec 24—Cheyenne. Made out several desert land claims and entered them in the land office. Made copy of ditch papers etc. Bought some presents.

"Tues, Dec 25—Cheyenne. Spent pleasant day. Dined with Mr. & Mrs. L. Smith.

"Wed, Dec 26—Cheyenne. Writing on Bordeaux Ditch Company papers all day. Teams arrived.

"Sat, Dec 29 — Cheyenne. Finished Ditch papers and filed them with Secretary Morgan for record.

"Sun, Dec 30—Cheyenne. Went to church, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Bergman.

"Mon, Dec 31-Cheyenne. Loafed all day."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

Development Co. per order—400 lbs hay, 400 lbs potatoes, 5 lbs table salt; 2 mules to hay \$1; 2 meals & bed \$1.75.

Albert Henzman — Dr 58 lbs potatoes; 2 horses to hay \$1; two meals \$1.

During December, 1883 John Hunton recorded

the following receipts totaling more than \$650: Ranch \$296.83; Morton E. Post & Co. \$330.10; J. H. & Co. \$21.80 and L. Smith \$17.45.

His expenditures of nearly \$1550 included: Fanie Shaw \$10. Tom Hunton \$53.95; Morton E. Post & Co. \$320; Joe Schofield \$94.48; H. B. Kelly \$12.65; Frank Foss (telephone) \$50; express Kelly \$4.50; paid for entering land (see December 24 entry \$216.50; pin, diam. \$40; Hank Courtny \$10; present to J. H. Jr. \$200; G. G. Masters \$48.75; raffles \$12.50 & \$25; John Henry \$10; F. P. Browning \$60; Burley Austin, watch \$12; hard coal \$12; Kent for Phillips, note for horse \$210; Charlton, Wild Est. \$21.93; Collins, Wild Est. \$22.80; Otis Johnson \$15; Blanche \$80 and incidentals \$5.75.

During 1883, in round numbers, John Hunton's receipts recorded herein totaled \$52,200 and his expenditures \$73,800, which gives some idea of the expanding credit of the day, at least so far as Mr. Hunton was concerned, and it seems probable that his operations were similar to those of many other large cattlemen.

# Part Two

## SUMMARY OF CONTENTS 1884

#### RESUME.

#### JANUARY, 1884:

Mrs. A. H. Swan and Blanche "Receive" on New Years Day.

Gives Swan and Paxton Deeds to Omaha Land. Agrees With Teschemacher to Finance and Build Bordeaux Ditch.

Dickering With Goodell on Sale of 70 Bulls.

Territorial Legislature Convenes in Chevenne, Delightful Parties Given by Mesdames Heck Reel and Glover

Surveyor DeHennecourt Maps John Hunton & Co. Land.

Sued by U. S. for Fencing Public Land-Retains Lawver Corlett.

W. F. Barry Used Cork Leg in More Ways Than

One. Gets Deed to Bullock Land on Laramie River.

Blanche Suffers Stage Coach Sickness.

Brands and Ranges of John R. Smith, Union Cattle Co., G. H. Cross and Cross & Lemon. Starts Feeding January 1 - Temperature 13

Below. Seven Wyoming "Homesteaders" Live in Vir-

ginia. Spends \$800 Filing Friends and Relatives on Wyoming Land.

Spends \$300 on Construction of Telephone to Bordeaux.

Ditch Survey Completed to Chug Springs Ranch. Donald McCannell Married Widow of "Frenchy" Cazabon-Her Daughter a Pioneer Chevenne

Photographer.

Strains Back Hunting Prairie Chickens.
Blanche Entertains Maj. Sniffin, Miss Williams
and Others at Bordeaux.

Baled Hay Sold for Cent a Pound.

Surveyor DeHennecourt Heavy Cigar Smoker— But How Did He Speil His Name?

Slips on Ice at Hi Kelly's, Sprains Wrist. Lawyers Corlett and Rosendale Secure Postponement of Government Suit—Fee \$97.90. Records "Bar FS" in Johnson County.

Records "Bar FS" in Johnson County.

Gives Teschemacher & deBillier Inventory of
John Hunton & Co.

Takes in \$6,000, Spends \$3,500 During January, 1884.

Russell Thorp Tells About J. S. Collins.

## FEBRUARY, 1884:

4-Horse Set of Harness \$90, 2-Horse Set \$35. Takes Out \$6,000 Accident Insurance Policy. George Bennett Trailed Horses from Texas With

Tom Shaw and Duke Gardner.

Brands and Ranges of Milwaukee & Wyoming
Investment Co., A. G. McGregor and W. F.

Macfarlane, Yearling Bulls Thin—One Dies of Blackleg, Jane Golden, Blarche's Maid, Quits and Leaves

Bordeaux. W. F. Hamilton, Douglas' First Settler, Regained

Health in Wyoming.
G. B. Goodell Buys 4 Bulls at \$90, 25 at \$60 per
Head.

Surveyor DeHennecourt Earned \$8 per Day. Jasper N. Thompson Proves Up on Homestead. Contracts to Bridge Richard Creek for \$500. February Cold Wave Sends Temperature to 36

Below.

Brisk Business in Overshoes, Gloves, Heavy Underwear at Bordeaux.

derwear at Bordeaux.
Joe Stratton Arrested, Charged with Cattle

Sick in Cheyenne—Telephones Blanche to Come

Nurse Him.

Mr. Foss Represented Western Union Telegraph. Why Bill Thompson Was Allergic to Dave Lygon.

James Reeder Bought Bill Waln's Original

Homestead.

Swan and Paxton Buy W. G. Bullock's Remaining Omaha Land.

Clarke & Hunton Borrow \$8,000 from Stock

Growers Bank.

Takes in \$6,000. Spends \$12,000 (Including \$3,000 Interest) During February, 1884.

Makes Contribution to Wyoming Historical So-

ciety.

Puts Out \$500 for More Land Entries.

E. W. Mann Was Register of Cheyenne Land Office.

Patsy Freaney Surprised to Find Himself the Corpse.

#### MARCH. 1884:

Lumber About \$10 per Thousand from W. C. Bradbury. Pays Wightman \$500 for Span of Norman

Pays Wight Horses.

Blanche Hires Patsy Again.
Bordeaux Ditch Co. Organized—DeBillier, Tes-

chemacher and Hunton Officers.

Shoulder Meat 9c Wholesale, 15c Pound Retail
—Flour 5c Pound.

W. F. Macfarlane Lived on Horseshoe More Than 60 Years.

A. P. Arbuckle Hired to Build Bordeaux Ditch.
Building Bridges Across Chug and Richard
Creeks.

Tisdale Found Refuge from Blizzard at Bordeaux—Was Murdered in 1891.

Takes In \$1,032, Spends \$1,143 During March,

#### APRIL, 1884:

April First Hardest Day of Winter on Cattle— Counts Losses.

Brands and Ranges of Stoddard & Howard Live Stock Co., Geo. Keeline & Sons, The Lakotah Co., Bartlett Richards, T. Dyer, C. Boulter, W. H. Bassett & Co. and McGinley & Stover.

Eight "Letter" Branding Irons Cost \$12.

George Lathrop Driving the Black Hills Stage. George Hoyt Ran Stage Station at Government Farm.

Many Freighters Stuck on Bad Roads.

Attendance Record Broken at Stock Growers Meet.

Appointed on Belle Fourche Roundup Committee.

George Boswell Quits Cooking — Wages Wer3 \$50 per Month—\$60 When Wife Worked Too. Whitcomb & Hunton Cow Outfit Moves from Chur to Belle Fourche.

New Richard Creek Bridge Finished.

Wyoming Historical Group Visits Bordeaux.

Surveyor Crafts Laying Out Irrigation Ditch.

Buys A. B. Austin's Preemption Claim. C. Boulter-Man of Many Parts.

Some Moral Standards—Then and Now.

A Girlish Scuffle at Madam Hamilton's Bordello
George Mitchell Was Manager Milwaukee &

Wyoming Investment Co.

A. P. Arbuckle Starts Building Bordeaux Ditch.
Russell Thorp's "Damfino" Brand Used by Mc-

Ginley & Stover.

Joe Witmer, New Bordeaux Cook, Doesn't Last
Long.

Bordeaux P. O. Stocks Up on Newspaper Wrappers.

Brisk Business Delivering Telephone Messages. Takes in \$1,311, Spends \$1,270, During April 1884. Swan Company Borrows 600 Pounds Barbed Wire. Buys Fancy \$20 Pie Spoon.

#### MAY, 1884:

Brands Colts-One Kills Itself.

Sells Tom Hunton Tenth Interest in "DE" Herd for \$5,000.

Chewing Tobacco and 2-for-a-quarter Cigars Best Sellers at Bordeaux.

Delivers 60 Bulls to Sturgis, Lane & Goodell for "7H" Ranch

Charles Campbell Buys 12 Bulls for \$600. Man Killed at Sybille Ditch Camp-Murderer

Hanged. Buys \$1,000 Bull and Two \$350 Bulls from Mor-

gan. On Crutch and Cane with Sprained Ankle.

Buys Rosendale House and Lot in Chevenne. Arbuckle Making Good Progress on Bordeaux Ditch.

Takes in \$5,088, Spends \$4,231, During May. 1884.

#### JUNE, 1884:

Spring Flood Washes Out Richard Creek Bridge. Sells Arbuckle 5 Bulls for \$325. Surveys Ditch on Blanche's Bordeaux Claim.

Buys 20,000 ft. Lumber from Bradbury-\$37 per 1000 Delivered at Bordeaux. Harry Yount Was a Mighty Hunter-Yellow-

stone Park Bears His Name. A Grizzly Bear Killed Dutch George Ware. Gen. Gibbons' Milk Cows Ruined on Drive. Republicans Nominate Blaine & Logan.

Shoulder Bacon 111/2 Cents, Beef 8 Cents Pound. Sells 82 Bulls-\$50 to \$80 per Head. Record of Cattle Branded in June.

Lightning Strikes Cheyenne Home - Collects \$2,000 Insurance.

Sells Lumber at \$40 per Thousand, Nails 6c Lb. Discusses New Telephone Co. with Swan, Voor-

hees and VanTassell. Brands and Ranges of Suffolk Cattle Co., Plun-

kett, Roche & Co., and Andrews & Hudson. J. F. Story & Wife New Cooks at Bordeaux.

H. W. Loomis Paid \$2 to Walk From Chevenne to Fort Laramie

Moves Into Blanche's \$10,000 Chevenne Home. Takes in \$908, Spends \$895, During June, 1884. Subscribes to Laramie Boomerang-Life Insurance Premium \$330.70.

## JULY. 1884:

Workmen Complete Repairs to Lightning Damaged Home. William Lewis Was One of Tom Horn's First

Victims.

Haying Starts at Bordeaux-Bulls Turned Out. J. F. Story and Wife Earned \$1.66 per Day Cooking.

Big Reception at Chevenne Club - Everybody There

George Drake Hurt in Fall From Horse. Bored Stiff Puttering Around House and Yard. No Financial Record for July, 1884.

### **AUGUST. 1884:**

Kate Mare Plays Out - Borrows Horse From Duncan Grant.

Prairie Fire at Antelope Creek.

Tom Shaw Running "Cross T" Ranch for Teschemacher & deBillier.

12,047 Ft. Lumber from Bradbury Costs \$301.07.

Round of Gay Parties at Cheyenne. Will Jeffrey Works Over Bookkeeping System.

Names and Wages of Bordeaux Hay Crew, Last Entry in "Day Book".

Store-keeping Days Are Over-For a While. Tom Hunton Proves Up On Desert Claim -Leaves for Virginia.

Money Getting Tight—Richard Trimble Makes Some Loans.

James Houser and David Brice Hired for Another Year.

B. & M. R.R. Surveyors Working Near Bordeaux. Haying at Platte Meadows, Bullock Place and Bordeaux.

#### SEPTEMBER, 1884:

Almost Knocked Out by Hay Fever-Finds Fellow Sufferer on Coach.

Loses Land Case—Paddleford Claim Cancelled. Bob Walker, Driving Beef to Pine Bluffs, Reports 150 Missing.

Brands and Ranges of I. R. Alter and B. S. Hopkins.

Sells Platte Meadows to Sturgis of Union Cattle Co.—480 Acres at \$10 Each.

Converse Has a County Named After Him, Manville a Town.

Duncan Grant Delivers Deed to Grant Claim.

Dr. Hopkins Operates on Bull Lucian.

John Hunton Co. Organized — Capital Stock

\$275,000 — Trimble and Teschemacher Trustees.

Haywood Fry Building on Sec. 32, T. 24 N., R.

60 W. Receipts \$6,025, Expenditures \$6,222, During September, 1884.

#### OCTOBER, 1884:

Carlton Opera Company Playing in Cheyenne. Settles Accounts With George Drake.

Sells J. S. Taylor & Co. "Bar FS" Steers at \$50 Each.

Taylor, Coffey & Gill Have Hunton's Old "SO" and "LD" Brands. Clarke & Hunton Ship to Chicago from Pine

Bluffs.
Bets on Grover Cleveland With John Chase.

Takes in \$7,115, Spends \$7,225, During October, 1884.

Electric Lights and New Fence for Cheyenne Home.

A Lively Night in Hartville.

#### NOVEMBER, 1884:

Fifty Three Votes Cast at Bordeaux.

Joseph M. Carey Elected Delegate to Congress— Cleveland President.

Brands and Ranges of the Carey Companies.

Sells Hi Kelly His Interest in the "Bar FS" Outfit for \$82,500.

Party for Mrs. A. B. Clarke on Her 21st Birth-

day.

John Hunton & Co. Reorganizes as John Hunton Co.—Issues \$240,000 in Stock.

Cheyenne Home Has Gas, Electricity and Telephone.

Inspects North Road With Post, Warren, Voorhees and Ashenfelter.

Fire at Heck Reel's House—No Damage.

Baxter, Whitcomb, Voorhees Help Appraise Damage by Organ Ditch.

Takes in \$39,450, Spends \$39,245, During November, 1884.

#### DECEMBER, 1884:

Sells Blanche Water Right for Desert Claim. Whitcomb & Hunton Dissolve Partnership.

Whiteomb & Hunton Dissolve Partnership.
Files on More Desert Claims.
Pavs Austin \$500 for Platte River Claim—Deeds

It to Union Cattle Co. Clarke Leaves for Belle Fourche and Black

Thunder.
Witness in Organ Ditch Case.

Entertains Judge and Mrs. Bergman at Christmas Dinner.

Masquerade Party a "Decided Success". Spends \$487 Filing More Friends on Land. An Eighty Thousand Dollar Year.

# Resume

Before embarking with John Hunton on his journey through 1884 perhaps it is worthwhile to briefly summarize and review a few of the more significant events of 1883 because of their relationship to and bearing upon things that are to come.

It will be recalled that '83 started off in somewhat leisurely and luxurious fashion, with Mr. Hunton and his bride, Blanche, on a winter vacation which took in Florida and other southern states. But after he returned to Wyoming and buckled down, with energy and apparently considerable planning, to work toward his objective which, quite obviously, was to lay the foundation for a land and cattle empire in Wyoming Territory. It was a year in which he entered into numerous partnerships, took the lead in organizing several companies and started on much new enterprise.

Prior to '83 Hunton had sent his wire fences stretching out from Bordeaux across many miles of the public domain—and this was to become one of the stumbling blocks to attainment of his ambition. There were objections, apparently right from the start, and he spent three days in Washington during January, 1883, conferring with Wyoming's Representative M. E. Post and land office officials on this matter of fences.

Throughout the year he induced a number of friends, relatives and employees to enter homesteads and file desert claims on land embracing stock-water 1884 149

and hay meadows which would give him more or less control over the surrounding range lands and make them next to worthless, without water or winter feed, to other potential users.

On May 1 his expansion program really got under way when he sold the Teschemachers and DeBillier a half interest in all his holdings on the "Chug" for \$55,000. The partnership was known as John Hunton & Co. An interesting feature of this deal is that the Teschemachers and DeBillier also agreed to pay \$15,000 for a half interest in certain tracts of land Hunton hoped to acquire and add to his holdings, but which were still owned by the United States when the contract was executed. (See Page 61, Vol. 5).

His next partnership was completed in June when he and F. M. Phillips joined to invest \$6,000 or more each in some kind of a deal with the Grants, presumably father and son Robert and Duncan Grant, for their cattle and land. The details of this transaction are not all clear.

Two months later, on August 23rd, Hunton and E. W. Whitcomb formed a co-partnership and purchased the Joe Knight cattle herd for \$120,000. A man named Farlough (or Farleigh) was apparently part owner of these cattle.

In September he joined with the London brothers, Hiram B. Kelly and Colin Hunter in financing an exploratory survey for an irrigation ditch from the Platte river, and employed George A. De-Hennecourt (or De Hanicourt) to do the work. This preliminary survey showed the job to be much larger and more expensive than anticipated so the pioneer group incorporated, forming the N.P.D. & I. Co. (presumably the North Platte Development and Irrigation Co.). In October this company hired W. C. Bradbury & Co. to do the construction work. Judging from the amount of beef, hay, grain and other supplies purchased by Mr. Bradbury & Co. at Bordeaux during the remainder of the year, he must have moved in a substantial crew of men and stock to build this ditch. Bradbury also operated a saw-mill in the area.

On November 9 John Hunton took on another partnership with A. B. Clarke to buy a hundred head of cattle from Mr. Draper; for which they paid \$1000 down and gave their notes for the balance of \$2500.

This summary does not include a number of personal business deals in which Mr. Hunton purchased cattle, horses and equipment for his rapidly expanding operations. And at the year's end he appears to have been prosperous, confident and sure of himself. But there were a few small clouds on the horizon. One of his claims on the Platte Meadows. filed in the name of Paddleford, was being seriously contested, requiring his presence in the "land court" at Chevenne for several days. And most significant of all, he learns from his newspaper on December 23 that the federal government has brought suit against him and Hi Kelly to force removal of their fences from the public domain. So he hustles over to Cheyenne the very next day and enters filings on seven more desert land claims, presumably to

strengthen his rights and position in the suit. More details of those filings will soon be disclosed.

Why did John Hunton thus expand himself and involve his affairs with so many others? Who can say? But the cattle barons were rising and it is possible he decided that rapid expansion was necessary to hold his place in the sun. Perhaps it should also be said, in fairness, that in the opinion of this writer at least Mr. Hunton appears to have been only trying to follow in a small way strictly modern business practices whereby a few estimable and emulative gentlemen of today, though great corporate combinations with interlocking directorates, manage to dominate and control much of the nation's commerce and industry. It remains to be seen, of course, whether what eventually happened to Hunton's dream of empire could also happen to more modern complex and involved business structures, should the wheel of fortune chance to take a few bad turns, as it did in his case,

But regardless of fruitless speculation on the whys and wherefores and what-might-have-beens, here is his own record of what actually did happen in 1884.

### JANUARY, 1884

"Tues, Jan 1 — Cheyenne. Made calls on several friends. Blanche assisted Mrs. A. H. Swan to receive.

"Wed, Jan 2—Cheyenne, Settled some bills. Hypothecated Clark's notes with First National Bank. Went to the Kingman Ranche with Swan to see the Hereford cattle. Went to see the Sullivan combination box.

"Thurs, Jan 3—Cheyenne. Made deeds to A. H. Swan and W. A. Paxton for one third each, to the Omaha Bullock land. (See Nov. 28, 1883 entry.)"

From Bordeaux Day Book

Burlie Austin — Dr cigars 25c; postage stamps 25c; cash \$10; freight on 328 lbs grub \$2.46.

F. P. Browning—Dr cigars & tobacco 75c; 86 lbs potatoes, pound of powder, 1 paper of gun wads, 1½ lbs butter; 20 lbs sugar; 50 lbs flour \$2.25; 14 lbs corn meal.

"Fri, Jan 4—Cheyenne. Had conversation with Teschemacher in which we agreed to raise money and construct the Bordeaux ditch.

"Sat, Jan 5—Cheyenne. Offered Goodell 40 bulls, yearlings and up at \$90 each and 30 bulls less than year old at \$75 each, to be taken as a lot, and give him until the 5th of Feb. to see them and decide.

"Sun, Jan 6—Cheyenne. Staid at hotel all day. Snowing nearly all day." From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. Mitchell per Carroll—1 meal, horse to hay 75c.

W. C. Bradbury & Co. per Hunter Bowen— 400 lbs hay \$3. Cr by 210 lbs oats. Per man looking for mill—horse feed 50c. Per H. Bowen— 140 lbs hay \$1.40. Cr by cash \$800. Dr 10 meals \$5; 2 beds \$1.50; 2 horses to hay \$1; 200 lbs hay.

"Tues, Jan 8 — Cheyenne. Wrote up the ditch book. Legislature in session.

"Wed, Jan 9 — Cheyenne. Fixed up some accounts of the Wild estate. Blanche & I attended a card party at Mrs. Reels and spent a delightful evening.

"Thurs, Jan 10—Cheyenne. Got maps of plot of J. Hunton & Co.s land from de-Henicourt. Blanche & I attended delightful party at Mrs. Glovers. Had notice served on me of sulf by United States against me." (See December 23, 1883 entry)."

From Bordeaux Day Book

R. S. VanTassell per Zaffe (?)—10 meals \$5; 6 horses to hay 2 nights \$6.

C. W. Brown per A. Rich—600 lbs hay \$6.
A. P. Arbuckle per Jones—800 pounds hay:

A. P. Arbuckle per Jones—800 pounds hay matches 25c.

W. F. Barry-Dr can peaches 50c.

The W. F. Barry family, according to Virginia Cole Trenholm's book, "Footprints on the Frontier", were the first permanent settlers on Cottonwood creek, where he started operating a road ranch for Tschemacher & DeBillier about 1878. For some two years prior to 1878 the Barrys had helped Johnny Owens run his road ranch at Chug Springs, and before that he was a freighter to the Black Hills during the early gold rush and the Indian wars which followed. They homesteaded on land later known as the Wiley Brown ranch. Mr. Barry was a native of Maine, born in 1842. He lost a leg early in life but is said to have become so proficient in the use of a cork substitute that this handicap—if you can call it that—was hardly noticeable. Mrs. Trenholm also records a couple of stories about that wooden leg.

When running a bull-train Mr. Barry would sometimes put his artificial foot in front of the wheel of a heavy freight wagon to make a quick stop. An observant young bull whacker thought this was such a good trick that he tried it-just once. On another occasion he stopped at a lodge in a friendly Indian village to mend a broken strap on his cork leg. Noticing that an inquisitive old squaw was hanging around he suddenly made her eyes bulge by jabbing a knife into his leg. Seeing this made quite an impression he decided to give her a real thrill. The cork limb was hinged at the knee, where there was a slight open space. Taking careful aim he raised his knife high and brought it down through the joint until the blade stuck out on the other side. That was too much for the old squaw and she took off in a hurry, but soon returned with the whole village at her heels to see this man of such strong medicine he could stick a knife through his knee. When the show was over Mr. Barry pulled

out the knife and walked off with appropriate nonchalance. Just what the Indians thought it is not recorded.

"Fri, Jan 11—Cheyenne. Got deed from W. G. Bullock for land on Laramie River and filed it for record. Saw (Lawyer) Corlett and arranged for him to attend land suit.

"Sat, Jan 12—Kelly's on Chug Water. Left Cheyenne this morning on coach, Blanche sick nearly all the way.

"Sun, Jan 13 — Bordeaux. Arrived home 8:30. Everything seemingly all right. Rode among the cattle in the Owens and desert pastures and found nearly all looking well. Have lost four calves and one cow since the 25th of Dec. John Smith here tonight. Commenced snowing about 7 P.M."

The John Smith who stopped at Bordeaux that January night of 1884 was probably John R. Smith, pioneer Indian fighter and rancher of Johnson County, Wyoming, some of whose exploits have been previously recorded in this journal. He is listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: "J. R. Smith—P.O. Address, Trabings, Johnson County, Wyo. Range—Powder River and Crazy Woman, Wyo. Brand—Toot Lazy S'on right hip or left side. Horse brand same on right flank."

# From Bordeaux Day Book

G. A. DeHennecourt—Dr 4 horses to hay \$2; 6 feeds of grain \$1.50; 3 meals, 1 bed \$2.25; cigars 25c. Frank Bois-Dr 600 lbs hay \$6; 3 meals \$1.50.

"Mon, Jan 14—Bordeaux. Made out quarterly P.O. returns and forwarded to department. Worked on books. Men meking racks to feed cattle hay in. Snowed all day but not cold.

"Tues, Jan 15—Bordeaux. Hauled out hay for cows & calves and hauled some to barn. Windy & cold working. Posted up book. Wrote some letters. Thermometer 13 below last night.

"Wed, Jan 16—Bordeaux. Wrote powers of attorney for sig of Cave, Hay, Humphreys, Mrs. Taylor, Dr. Gordon, Hall & Mrs. Hall and mailed to Madison (Virginia). deHennecourt here. Quite windy, snow drifting badly."

# From Bordeaux Day Book

John Hunton—Cr by sundry Land Filings: J. W. Taylor \$130; H. G. Taylor \$160; W. S. Taylor \$160; J. L. Fredendall \$80; Louis Loeb \$50; Thos. Hunton \$100; Willie Hall \$58.50. Cash to J. H. Houser \$3, Terrill Taylor \$3, Browning \$50, Hanney \$50, Additional insurance \$34.50; turkey \$4.35; Haas bill \$40; Calland, lumber bridge \$162.99.

Road Viewers Laramic County—Cr by cash \$21.80.

Hides sold \$42.

Post Office-Dr to cash \$9.65. Cr by commission \$42.52.

John Hunton—Cr cash paid for desert land entries of: T. J. Humphries \$30, S. F. Hall \$30, James Hay \$30, W. J. Cave \$30, H. W. Gordon \$20. Bettie Taylor \$20.

Expense Acct — Mdse of Warren M. Co. \$11.0; Baker & Johnson \$124.26; 38 lbs butter \$13.30; Union Mercantile Co. \$77.52; constructing telephone \$300; surveying & maps \$87.50; advertising Stock Journal \$25; freight bill \$39.84.

"Thurs, Jan 17 — Bordeaux. Working on hay rack at Owens house, Commenced final survey of ditch. Gilchrist & Bradbury passed to ditch camp.

"Fri, Jan 18—Bordeaux. Worked on hay rack at Owens house. Done no surveying today. Snowed nearly all day.

"Sat, Jan 19—Bordeaux. Surveyed part of day. Hauled hay to cattle in meadow. Very windy. Snow flying very bad."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

R. S. VanTassell per Zappe—2 meals \$1; 4 horses to hav \$2.

F. P. Browning—Dr 18 lbs beef. Cr by expense of trip to Cheyenne \$19.85. Dr 6½ lbs lard \$1.19; cash \$20.

John Owens—Dr 2 meals & bed \$1.75; 2 horses to hay \$1; 2 feeds grain 50c. Per Ross— 3 meals & bed \$2.25.

Development Co. per Gilchrist—1 meal 50c; mules to hay 50c; 200 lbs hay \$2. Per order Maley—2 bales hay, 360 lbs \$3.60; 1 meal, mules to hay \$1.

John Bessmer HR—horse in pasture 21 days \$2.10: 1 meal 50c.

"Sun, Jan 20 — Bordeaux. Staid in house nearly all day. deHemacourt surveying.

"Mon, Jan 21—Bordeaux. Tried to bale hay but so much wind made but little headway.

but so much wind made but little headway. Surveying ditch. "Tues, Jan 22—Bordeaux. Baled and loaded

hay to take to Bradbury. Finished survey of ditch to Chug Spring Branch."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Teschemacher & DeBillier per T. Shaw—6 horses to hay \$3; 4 meals \$2.

Geo. Mitchell per (Vcs) Sherman—2 meals \$1; 2 horses to hay 50c.

William Wholesaple, Chug Springs—118 lbs potatoes. 10 bales hay 1395 lbs.

D. C. McConnell per McDougall — 165 lbs

The "D. C. McConnell" above may have been Donald C. McCannel, born in Ontario, Canada, June 24, 1857, of Scotch parentage, his mother's maiden name being Barbara McDougall (or possibly MacDougall). Mr. McCannell came to the Laramie Valley of Wyoming in 1879. He worked six years on the T. A. Kent ranch near Uva and later for the Union Cattle Company. He settled on a homestead of his own in 1886, subsequently developing it into a 1500 acre cattle, horse and hog ranch. In 1890 Mr. McCannell married the widow of that popular little wagon-peddler, "Frenchy" Cazabon (or Cazaubon). Mrs. McCannell's daughter by her first marriage

was Mrs. Emma Rice who operated a photography studio at 1717 Eddy St. in Cheyenne for many years.

The Union Cattle Company for which Mr. Mc-Cannell worked is listed as follows in the 1884 Brand Rook:

"Union Cattle Company (successor to Sturgis, Goodell & Co. and Sturgis & Lane)—P. O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. and Custer City, Dak. Range; Fox and Horse Creeks, Goshen Hole and Cheyenne River. Brands '0-O', 'OS' and about 25 other brands. All young stock branded with 'Bridle Bit'.

"Also Range No Wood, Johnson County, Wyo. Brands 'WP Connected', 'Circle Dot' and 'LO'. Wattle on nose."

"Wed, Jan 23 — Bordeaux. I worked on books and papers all day—and hunted chickens and got backache. Men baled hay, deHennecourt made estimates and maps. Snowed all day."

Note: Mr. Hunton and his several clerks at Bordeaux each seems to have a favorite way of spelling this surveyor's name. Mr. Hunton's way is generally "deHennecourt". Others spell it "DeHannicourt" and "DeHennacourt"—or just scribble something more or less resembling one or the other, but there is no doubt they all mean the same man, however he may have spelled his name.

"Fri, Jan 25—Bordeaux. Teams took hay to Bradbury's camp. deHemicourt returned Weston left. My back still hurting bad. Letter from Dr. Taylor telling me he had bought Dower land for me. Wrote and telegraphed him it was satisfactory,

"Sat, Jan 26—Kelly's Ranch. Letter from Clarke wanting \$500. Maj. Sniffin, Miss Williams & others guests at the house. I started to town to attend fence suit. Team returned from ditch camp. Told (George) Drake to go to Two Bar Ranche for cattle. London, Jenks and "The Deacon" on casch."

From Bordeaux Day Book

"The Deacon"-horse 6 days \$9.

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—156 bales hay 29,191 lbs \$291.91.

G. A. Hemacourt—3 meals & bed \$2.25; 1 horse to hay 50c; 60 cigars \$7.50; 2 days board \$4; telephone & telegraph message 50c; team 5 days \$10.50.

John Jameson Gov-2 meals \$1.

"Sun, Jan 27—Cheyenne. Slipped on ice at Kellys, fell and strained left wrist which is quite painful. Arrived here about sundown. Wrote to Blanche

"Mon, Jan 28—Cheyenne. Was busy all day with (Lawyer) Corlett about the fence business. Case indefinitely postponed. Wrist hurts. Wrote to Blanche.

"Wed, Jan 30—Cheyenne. Writing nearly all day fixing Kelly's papers. In conversation with Teschemacher we agreed to go ahead with ditch. Wrote to clerk of Johnson Co. to transfer Fairleigh & Knight's Bar FS brand to Whitcomb & Hunton & to record O Bar and EW for E. W. W. (Whitcomb)."

It will be recalled that on August 23, 1883, Hunton and E. W. Whitcomb purchased the Joe Knight and "Farlow or Facleigh" cattle herd for \$120,000. Now we have a third spelling of the name —"Fairleigh". Although this leaves considerable doubt as to how Joe Knight's partner actually spelled his name, the above entry does make it clear that the two men ran cattle in Johnson county and that their brand was a bar over FS.

From Bordeaux Day Book

Hill & Wilde—Dr 140 lbs hay \$1.40. J. Latta—Cr by cash \$6.90. 27 lbs tallow

taken, the balance not wanted.

Expense Acct.—Desert land claim (Smoot) \$80; legal cap paper 90e; Hunton's trip to Cheyenne on fence case, meals & lodging on road \$5, hotel bill \$17; Holt's bill \$22.75; Organ's bill \$4.60; Hoyt's bill \$100.55; Smith and Harrington \$104.60; Collins \$41.20; Kelly & Masterson \$13.07—\$389.57. 4467 lbs freight \$37.90.

"Thurs, Jan 31—Cheyenne. Made list of cattle and inventory of all other property belonging to John Hunton & Co. & give to T. & deB. (Teschemacher & deBillier) to enter on their books. Done some writing on fence and land papers. Wrote to Blanche."

In the "cash account" pages of his diary John Hunton lists the following receipts for January, 1884: 1st National Bank \$1938; W. A. Paxton \$3150; John Hunton & Co. \$800; John Chase \$20; Ranch \$182.53 and Otis Johnson \$15.

His recorded expenditures include: visiting cards \$2.60; G. L. Holt \$48.50; Frank Meanea (Chevenne saddle and harness maker) \$175.50; books \$5.50; acknowledgements \$1; Chevenne Carriage Co. \$345; Synche \$18; G. A. Draper \$92.32; Smith & Harrington \$104.60: David Miller \$67: J. S. Collins \$153.65; B. Hellman \$69; telephone Co. \$250; de-Hemacourt \$25: cribbage \$12.50: Wild estate \$18: Stock Journal \$52: Baker & Johnson \$453.88: K. T. (Knight Templar) \$8.75; F. E. W. (Warren) M. Co. \$15.10; Marks & Myers \$45.20; E. S. N. Morgan \$4.50: Corlett & Rosendale (lawvers) \$97.90: interest \$955: Rees Williams \$100: recording deed \$2.75: theatre \$3: Terrill Taylor \$19.50: C. N. Potter (Wild est.) \$30: John Chase \$128: Boomerang Co. \$10: Dr. Taylor \$10: Mrs. Hall \$30: Interocean (hotel) cook \$1: land entry \$80: Wyoming pioneers \$5: pocket vise \$2: ovsters \$1.75: candy & nuts \$2.35: G. W. Hoyt in full \$9.80; slippers 75c; drinks & cigars \$10.65: meals \$6.25, and Blanche \$15.

The "G. A. Draper" above to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$92.32, was a Cheyenne merchant frequently mentioned in this journal. Among the papers of the late George H. Cross is a billhead from Mr. Draper, dated February 18, 1884, which gives this information concerning his business:

"G. A. Draper, Grocer & Commission Merchant and Dealer in Provisions, Grain, Tobacco, Etc. 297 & 299 Ferguson Co., Cheyenne." And Pioneer Cross is listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: "C. H. Cross, P.O. Address Fort Fetterman, Wyo. Range, between LaBonte and LaPrelle Creeks. Brand 'VE' on left side of animal, increase branded both sides, horses left hip." His daughter, Mrs. Criss Cross Morton, explains that the 'VE' brand is sometimes mistakenly called 'VC', and so appears in the Brand Book, because the center leg of the E is not burned on the animal since it tends to scab and blotch.

This very old brand, still used by the Cross Brothers on their cattle herds near Douglas, Wyoming, also appears in the '84 Brand Book under: "Cross & Lemon, P.O. Address Fort Fetterman, Wyo. Range, LaPrelle and LaBonte Creek, Albany County, Wyo. Brand 'VE' on any part of animal. Also own a 'Box' brand. Earmark crop right."

And Mrs. Morton also recalls this story her father told on his partner, Dennis Lemon. It seems that he was a rather shy and retiring young man, with the ladies at least, and the cowboys used to tease him about his name to the effect that the girls would not want to marry a "Lemon". Eventually he changed his name to "Leman"—and was married.

Other records show that Dennis W. Leman was born in Gloucestershire, England, July 31, 1854 and sailed to America at the age of 20. He first came to Wyoming in 1877, and settled on Wagonhound Creek. Several years later he homesteaded and founded his ranch on the LaPrele, some 20 miles from Douglas. Dennis Leman and Bessie Mills, of Nebraska, were married September 15, 1896. Their descendants are still raising cattle on the old ranch.

The J. S. Collins to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$153.65 in January, 1884, is mentioned many times in this journal, starting with John Hunton's numerous creditors listed January 1, 1875, but in February, 1958 Russell Thorp, Jr. sent the folowing additional information on Mr. Collins to help make the record complete:

"J. S. Collins, at one time post trader at Ft. Laramie, later established J. S. Collins & Company at Chevenne, which still later became the Collins & Morrison Saddle and Harness Shop. makers of handsome Concord harness and the famous Collins' saddles. His firm made harness for my father for the Chevenne Black Hills Stage and Express Line, Mr. Collins presented my father with a beautiful four-horse stage whip, a perfect hickory stock, decorated with silver ferruls, with the inscription 'J. S. Collins to R. Thorp', with leather hand halt and fine silk worked in between the ferruls. On my tenth birthday, 1887, Mr. Collins gave me, made to fit, a pair of chaps with leather fringe down the sides, the style those days, and stamped on the belt 'J. S. Collins & Co., Chevenne, Wyoming,' The whip is now a part of the Chevenne Black Hills Stage Line collection I presented to the State museum at Cheyenne. I have the chaps among my prized possessions."

#### FEBRUARY, 1884

"Fri, Feb 1—Cheyenne. Bought 4-horse set harms from Meanea \$90 & 2-horse set Collins \$35. Made some other purchases of needed materials. Sam Grooves come to town. Proposed to build bridge across Richard creek according to plans for \$500.

"Sat, Feb 2—Cheyenne. Finished up all the business that I can attend to with parties who are now in town. Took out accident policy of \$6,000. Dined with Maj. & Mrs. Sniffin."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Teschemacher & deBiller per Bennett — 6 horses to hay \$3; 2 meals \$1.

The "Bennett" above, in all probability, was George Bennett, a Texan, born in Williamson county December 21, 1856. In the early '80s Bennett, Tom Shaw and Duke Gardner trailed a herd of 65 horses from Texas to Uva. W. T. George Bennett worked for Teschemacher & deBillier from 1883 until 1896 when he took a job with the Milwaukee & Wyoming Investment Co. on the "H" ranch which it had acquired. In 1896 he homesteaded and started ranching for himself on the North Platte, about three miles east of Glendo.

And that company for which Mr. Bennett worked is listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: "Milwaukee & Wyoming Investment Co.—P.O. Address Uva, Wyo, Range, Laramie River and Elkhorn. Brands 'HR', 'BP', 'YS', 'JD', 'COX', 'Rocker over 3' and 'Upright Bar Circled'."

Ben Smalley-135 lbs hay \$1.35. Paid.

R. S. VanTassell per Zappe—4 horses to hay \$2; 3 meals \$1.50.

"Sun, Feb 3—Kelly's Ranch. Left Cheyenne this morning on coach. Arrived here at 6 o'clock P.M. Blanche met me here.

"Mon, Feb 4—Bordeaux. Arrived 9 A.M. Everything all right. Men baling hay. Rode among the cattle and found all doing well except the young bulls which are looking thin. One fine yearling bull died of black leg.

"Tues, Feb 5—Bordeaux. Baling hay and loaded two teams for ditch camp. Jane Golden quit and left on coach. Fixed tire for some old man."

# From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. Mitchell—Dr 1 meal, 2 feeds of grain \$1; freight on trunk 90c. Cr by cash \$56.58 per Stevens—team to hay six days \$6.

Frank Foss—Dr 1 meal, 2 feeds of grain \$1. Cr by 3 messages to Hart \$1.53.

Mrs. P. Phillips per Brill—5 bales hay, 956

Stevens & Minzer per Geo. Mitchell — 2 horses taken out of pasture in 40 days \$6.

James A. Bean per H. N. Smith—610 lbs hay \$6.10. Per Jenks 200 lbs hay \$2.

Bill Hamilton — Commenced work. Stage fare \$6.50: piece tobacco 25c: 1 pr gloves \$2.

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W. F. HAMILTON (Douglas Budget, 1907, photograph)

The "Bill Hamilton" above who arrived at Bordeaux by stage February 5, 1884 and commenced work, was probably W. F. Hamilton, a Scotch-Irish boy who came from the east to Cheyenne for his health in 1879 and went to work for Hay & Thomas. The Wyoming climate did its job and young Hamilton moved on to the Fort Laramie area the following year and was in charge of the government farm not far from the old Fort for some time.

In 1886 he became one of the original settlers in the new town of Douglas, where his first residence was a tent, and was associated in business with Henry G. Hay and the Platte Valley Sheep Co. near Orin Junction until 1894 when he settled on LaPrele creek a few miles from Douglas and became a big sheep man in his own vight. Oil was discovered on this property about the turn of the century. Mr. Hamilton helped organize the LaPrele Ditch and Reservoir Co., laid out the 80 acre "Hamilton's addition" to Douglas, where he built the first brick house in central Wyoming, and also served on the Douglas city council.

James A. Abney per Daze—40 lbs oats at 3½c \$1.40; 4 meals & bed \$3.50; 4 horses to hay, 2 feeds \$3.50.

Quartermaster Cheyenne Depot — 2080 lbs hay \$20.80; 80 lbs oats at 3½c \$2.80; ¼ cord wood \$2. Cr by cash \$25.60.

Quartermaster Fort Laramie — 540 lbs hay \$5.40: 120 lbs grain.

James Houser-2 prs drawers \$4.50; 1 pair of gloves \$2.

A. B. Austin-Pr overalls \$1.

David Brice—Dr shirts, drawers & pants (S. & H. bill) \$6.50; 1 pair mits \$1.25; 1 pair gloves \$2.

F. P. Browning—745 lbs hay; gloves & overshoes \$7; 2 lbs coffee, 15½ lbs beef \$1.28; 10 lbs beans 70c; 28 lbs flour \$1.40; 3 cans peaches \$1; 3 cans tomatoes \$1; 4 lbs lard 72c.

"Wed, Feb 6—Bordeaux. Two teams went to ditch camp loaded with hay. Frank, Jim, etc. killed beef and baling hay. Working on books and accounts and writing letters all day. Loaned some old fellow a wagon. Snowing nearly all day and very cold.

"Thurs, Feb 7 — Bordeaux. G. B. Goodell here. Sold him 4 white-face bulls at \$90 each and 25 other bulls at \$60 each. Team returned

from each camp.

"Fri, Feb 8 — Bordeaux. Fixing wagon, baling and loading hay. Geo. Boswell sick. Geo. Mitchell passed to Cheyenne. Freighters delivered coal & other goods. Thermometer 14-0 last night. Cold all day."

# From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. A. DeHemacourt—Dr 6 cigars 75c; 5 meals \$2.50; 2 nights lodgings \$1.50. Cr by 11½ days work surveying ditch at \$8 per day \$92. Dr cash \$50; team in stable 3 nights \$3; team grain \$2.75; 2 meals \$1.

J. N. Thompson-Cr by cash 25c.

The "J. N. Thompson" above may have been: "Jasper N. Thompson who made final homestead proof on land in Section 15, Township 25 north, Range 66 West in February, 1884."—John Hunton in the 'Fort Laramie Scout' of September 1, 1927.

Colin Mcdougall — Cr by 4½ lbs butter

\$1.57. Dr freight 40c. Cr cash 40c.

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—8425 lbs, 52 bales, hay \$84.25. Per Lindgirtt—1 meal 50c; horses to hay 50c; 1 horse board 3 days \$1.50. Per Bowen—meal, team to hay \$1; 200 lbs flour. Jackson's time check \$22.18. Per self—4 meals, 2 beds \$3.50; 2 horses to hay \$1.

"Sat, Feb 9 — Bordeaux. Teams went to ditch camp with hay. Baling hay. Rode old Jim and killed some chickens. Thermometer 8-0, cold and frosty all day.

"Mon, Feb 11 — Bordeaux. Letters from Stock Growers Bank, county clerk, Haywood Taylor. Wrote to Clarke for power of afformer, Signed contract to build bridge across Richard creek for \$500. Blacksmith shoeing horses. Men hauling hay to cattle. Wrote to Tom Hunton about desert claim. Thermometer 17-0 last night, 10 below all day, Very cold and frosty.

"Tues, Feb 12—Bordeaux. Hauling hay to cattle. Thermometer 36-0 at 12 M. 30-0 at 9 P.M."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

Bordeaux Ditch Co. - Dr surveying \$92; team 6 days \$15; 2 men 7 days at \$28.

D. C. McCannell-Cr by cash \$4.12.

John Hanney—Dr 1 pair of mits \$1.25; 2 lbs tobacco \$2; 1 pair of gloves \$2; 1 pair artics \$2.

"Wed, Feb 13—Bordeaux. Feeding cattle, cutting brush etc. Blacksmith come from Fort Laramie. Thermometer 18-0 last night.

"Fri, Feb 15—Bard's Ranch. Left home at 1 P.M. with Stevens & Mizner's team and come here. Foss at Ranche and took acknowledgement of Blanche and L in deed to ½ Omaha land. Baling hay, loaded teams with hay for Bradbury's camp.

"Sat, Feb 16 — Cheyenne, Arrived here 1
M. Saw Swan about Omaha land. Collins agrees to carry McCreary paper, Goods ordered loaded on Arbuckle's teams. Letter from Tom Hunton. Wrote Blanche from Bards and from here.

"Sun, Feb 17—Cheyenne. In room nearly all day. Joe Stratton arrested for cattle stealing. Wrote to Blanche.

"Mon, Feb 18—Cheyenne. Transacted some business. Feeling very unwell. Telephoned to Blanche to come to town.

"Tues, Feb 19—Cheyenne. In bed all day quite sick. Dr. Cory prescribed for me."

#### From Bordeaux Day Book

Western Union Telegraph Co. per Foss—4 horses to hay \$2; 8 meals \$4; sharpening drill 50c.

R. Thorp-Blacksmithing \$1.

R. C. Holland-Cr by cash \$4.

Fre. St. Dennis-Cr balance due \$5.

Dave Lygon, charge to Teschemacher & Co.

Dave Lygon, charge to Teschemacher & 6
—1 meal 50c: horse in stable 8 days \$4.

Jim Shaw, in his story of a cattle drive up the Texas Trail to Wyoming in 1878-79, as published in Virginia Cole Trenholm's "Footprints on the Frontier", tells of meeting the above Dave Lygon during an overnight stop at Ogalalla, Nebraska. The two men struck up a quick friendship. Lygon told Shaw he had been a Texas Ranger and also deputy

sheriff in Austin. Then they took off together for a look at Ogalalla night life. In one saloon they found a big game under way and sitting at the table was a short, stout man with a big pile of bills in front of him, held down by his white handled pistol, This character looked up as the new arrivals approached and asked, "Is that you Dave?" And Lygon replied, "Yes, Billy". Whereupon the gambler grabbed his gun and ordered the strangers to "get out". When his new friend showed signs of standing firm Shaw grabbed and hustled him outside. Once on their horses and safely away from there, Lygon explained-said the belligerent short fellow's name was Bill Thompson, a man he had arrested and jailed on three occasions down in Texas. One can hardly blame Mr. Thompson for being annoyed.

J. D. Whitmer-Dr 1 pair of gloves \$2: cash \$10.25; stamps & paper \$1.25.

W. C. Bradbury & Co. - 143 bales hav. 25.004 lbs. \$250.04. Cr by check \$22.18. Per Taylor-1 meal, horse feed \$1.

"Wed. Feb 20-Cheyenne, Still sick and confined to room. (Dr.) Cory to see me. Blanche did not come but wrote explaining."

Mr. Hunton remained in his hotel room, sick, all Thursday and Friday, and no Blanche to comfort him and attend him. Then-

"Sat. Feb 23 - Chevenne. In hotel room nearly all day. Filed on some land of J. C. Utz. Blanche come."

James Reeder-2 horses to hay & grain \$2; 2 meals & bed \$1.75. Cr by cash \$3.75.

James Reeder was a rancher on upper Horseshoe creek. He bought the original homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waln in the early '80s and ran a thousand head or so of cattle.

John Mason-Dr 1 horse to hay 8 days \$4; 2 meals & bed \$1.75. Cr by cash \$5.75.

Geo. Mitchell per Parks—1 meal, horse feed \$1. Paid. Per Sherman—2 meals \$1; 2 horses to hay 50c. Per J. Besmer—Cr by cash \$2.60.

Development Co. per Gilchrist—horse hire 2½ days \$3; 1 meal 50c. Per Maley—370 lbs hay \$3.70; 1 meal, mules to hay \$1.

William Wholesapple — 95 lbs potatoes \$1.90; 9 bales hay, 1484 lbs. \$14.84.

"Mon, Feb 25—Cheyenne. Sold A. H. Swan and W. A. Paxton remaining one third of the (W. G.) Bullock Omaha land. Borrowed \$8,000 of Stock Growers bank for Clarke & Hunton. Am still feeling very unwell.

"Thurs, Feb 28 — Cheyenne. Dick Turpin loaded freight for Ranche. Still sick and not able to be out much. Blanche dined with the Sniffins.

"Fri, Feb 29 — Cheyenne. Made estimates for barn at Ranch. Still sick."

During February, 1884, Mr. Hunton recorded the following receipts totaling more than \$6,200: F. P. Browning \$23.15; Ranche \$260.60; Haywood Taylor \$325; Q.M. Ft. Laramie \$5.40; cash of Swan \$5,500 and Thorp \$100.

His expenditures of \$11,800 included: Kelly & Masterson \$34.98; oysters \$3; ink \$1; charity \$1;

accident insurance \$60; hotel Chase \$27.65; Jane Golden \$10; Wyoming Chapter (Knights Templar) \$3.75; Sam Groves \$200; M. E. Post & Co. \$5,869.04; life insurance \$379.90; interest \$3,080.50; books \$16; printing stationery \$8.75; Wyoming Historical Soc. \$42.50; legal blanks \$2.50; land entries \$488.50; coat for Dave \$7; E. W. Mann \$5; C. C. (Cheyenne Club) \$2.75; C. P. Organ \$400; U. M. Co. \$500; Jas. Houser \$140; Tom Hunton 460; Blanche \$22; drinks, cigars, candy, etc. \$5.40; tjns \$3.25 and ranch \$22.83.

The "E. W. Mann" above, to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$5 for something, was Lawyer Edgar W. Mann, of Cheyenne. Mr. Mann, a native of Wisconsin, was graduated in law by the State University at Madison, Wisconsin, in 1874. Two years later he came to Wyoming, worked first for W. W. Corlett and was register of the Cheyenne Land Office from 1880 until August, 1884. He also served as Laramie county attorncy, in the Territorial Legislature and became Cheyenne city attorney in 1896. Edgar W. Mann and Miss Emma J. Corlett were married at St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1881. They had two children, Walter C. and May E.

# From Bordeaux Day Book

A. G. McGregor—two horses to hay \$1; 2 sacks of grain left.

Mr. McGregor is listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: A. G. McGregor, P.O. Address, Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Bear Creek, Wyo. and South Platte, Colo. Brand 'JU'."

Thomas Freeny—horse in stable \$2. Paid. Thomas "Freeny" above was probably Thomas Freancy. born in County Mayo, Ireland, December 23, 1843. Hc came to America with his brother, Patsy, in 1867. The young Irishmen drifted westward the following year and finally landed on Horseshoe Creek, some ten miles southwest of Glendo, where Thomas developed a pretty good ranch.

W. F. Macfarlane told a story on Patsy Freaney in Mrs. Trenholm's "Footprints on the Frontier". There had been a death at the St. Dennis road ranch. Freancy and Mike Moran were dispatched to Fetterman for a coffin. It required quite a few drinks to help the boys decide which one they liked best. So many, in fact, that Patsy passed out and was poured into the coffin for the return trip. He came to on the road and was puzzled. Doubtless wondered how he got to be the corpse. A situation that could be confusing, even to a man at his best.

Mr. Macfarlane is listed in the Brand Book as: "W. F. Macfarlane—P.O. Address, Uva, Laramic Ccunty, Wyo. Range, Horseshoe. Brands, "14", "LP over Rocker' and horse brand 'Rocker over O', left shoulder."

F. P. Browning—Dr to cash \$2; paper & stamps 20c; 3 lbs sugar 50c; tobacco 25c; cigars 75c; express on package 25c.

Stevens & Mizner per B. Guy—4 meals & bed \$2.75; 2 horses to hay, six feeds \$2.50; team to hay & grain \$1; meal 50c.

R. S. VanTassell per Prater—2 horses to hay \$2; 2 meals \$1.

Teschemacher & deBillier per (Dave) Lygon one meal 50c. Per T. Shaw-2 horses to hay 5 days \$5. Per Bennett-6 horses to hay \$3; 2 meals \$1.

Hill & Wilde-Cr by freight \$3. Dr 160 lbs hay \$1.60; 1 horse to hay 50c.

#### **MARCH, 1884**

"Sun, Mar 2 — Cheyenne. Went to church twice today.

"Tues, Mar 4 — Cheyenne. Doing nothing but go to opera to see and hear Gerstin (?).

"Wed, Mar 5—Cheyenne. Browning & family arrived. Called on them. Done nothing. 10 P.M. comcd snowing."

From Bordeaux Day Book

James A. Bean per Jenks—200 lbs hay \$2. Cr by 740 lbs freight at 85c \$6.30.

W. C. Bradbury Lumber Co.—Cr by 2223.8 feet lumber. (Dave found it 112 feet short). 20 2x12-14 \$5.50, 13 2x4-12 \$1.04, 110 2x6-14 \$15.40 —\$22.04. Per self—Dr 2 meals, horse feed \$2; cigars \$1.25. Per Lindgertt—13 meals \$6.50; 11 lbs bacon \$2.45; wood \$2.

"Thurs, Mar 6—Cheyenne. Loafed around all day doing nothing. Snowing nearly all day.

"Fri, Mar 7—Cheyenne. Bought span Norman horses from Wightman for \$500. Bought hardware, etc.

"Sat, Mar 8—Cheyenne. Started team and two men to Ranch. Browning started. Eight inches snow on Chug. Blanche hired Patsy.

"Sun, Mar 9-Cheyenne. Went to church

twice. Looked over land affidavit with Professor Staunton.

"Mon, Mar 10 — Cheyenne. Blanche went home on coach, took Patsy with her. Completed organization of 'Bordeaux Ditch Co.', F. O. de-Billier was chosen president, A. M. Teschemacher vice president, John Hunton secretary & treasurer. The company borrowed \$2,500 of First National Bank.

"Tues, Mar 11—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne on coach this morning. George Drake met me at Chug with buggy and took me home. Everything seemingly getting along all rigi ."

### From Berdeaux Day Book

Dick Turpin — Cr by 17,473 lbs freight \$133.04. Dr 6000 lbs hay \$48; 280 lbs corn \$3.50; 2 meals \$1.

Bartlett Richards per J. Post — 9 head of stock in stable two nights \$9; 20 meals, two beds \$11.50. Cr by cash \$20.50.

C. Price, freighter-185 lbs hay \$1.85.

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Dr 44 bales hay, 8164 lbs \$81.64. Cr by overcharge \$2.39; by 4992.8 ft lumber.

Expense Acct—Calland Merrill & Co. \$8.25; Smith & Harrington \$61; Organ bill \$124.25; U. M. (Union Mercantile) Co. \$391.64; F. E. Warren Co. \$40.45; VanTassell & Wightman \$504; freight on 18,873 lbs \$142.66; telephone 2nd qtr \$24; Wyoming Meat Co. 500 lbs shoulders at 9e \$45. "Fri, Mar 14—Bordeaux. Done some work in shop. Teams returned from ditch camp with lumber. Cleaning up meadow.

"Sat, Mar 15—Bordeaux. Worked in shop all day. Loaded three teams with hay for ditch camp and to bring lumber back. Cleaning meadow.

"Sun, Mar 16—Bordeaux. Fred deBillier & Arthur Teschemacher here to dinner. Loaned them team & buggy to go to Ranche. Teams went to ditch & lumber camp."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Post Office—Requisition for stamps: 500 1c, 3000 2c, 500 5c, 100 10c, 500 2c No. 3 full letter envelopes. 500 2c No. 4½ commercial envelopes, 200 1c newspaper wraps, 100 2c newspaper wraps

David Brice—Dr cash to Thompson \$1; coat \$7; cigars 50c.

Stage Co.-Cr by cash \$100.

Union Mercantile Co.—Dr by cash \$500. C. P. Organ—\$400.

John Hunton—Cr by cash for horses \$504; land entries \$298.50.

A. B. Ruggles commenced work.

Geo. H. Boswell—Dr to cash on box \$1.95. Telegraph Co.—Cr by cash \$6.50.

W. F. Mcfarland—Dr to telephone message 60c.

The W. F. "Macfarland" above was W. F. Macfarlane who came to Wyoming from Canada for his health—considered a "hopeless" case—and settled on upper Horseshoe creek in 1879. There he lived to be 91, the only original settler still on the creek wher he died in 1943. He was one of that small, select and hardy group of pioneers who helped shape history's course in the Platte and Laramie river valleys for more than half a century.

In the introduction to her book, "Footprints On the Frontier". Virginia Cole Trenholm tells of her last visit with Mr. and Mrs. Macfarlane shortly before his death. It is a little story tinged with the gentle pathos of old age, but there is nothing really sad about it. They were sitting on the porch of the Macfarlane home, on his original homestead, when he told Mrs. Trenholm quite gaily that on a recent day he was sitting right there on that porch and saw Teschemacher and deBillier coming through his gate while beyond, riding over the hill as he had done so many times in years gone by, was Jim Shaw. coming to join them. However, when Mr. Macfarlane started out to meet his pals-suddenly they were gone. But perhaps they had not really gone very far. They might even have been waiting around the very next turn in the road, to surprise their old friend with lusty greetings. None of us can say for sure about such things.

John Hunton—Dr to sundries \$2.80; cash of Hunton to B. Hellman \$9; boots, overalls and drawers \$8.50; cash \$40.

W. C. Bradbury & Co. — Dr 9729 lbs hay \$97.29; two meals & bed \$1.75; 2 horses to hay & grain \$2; mail man dinner, horse feed 75c.

"Mon, Mar 17-Bordeaux. Sent Jim Houser

& 4 men to Grant place to camp and do work. Put up gate at Grant house. Arbuckle here and looked over the ditch. Let (J. A.) Bean's team have mover for Organ.

"Tues, Mar 18—Bordeaux. Bargained with A. P. Arbuckle to build ditch. Browning come for remainder of his things. Whitcomb wants me to move the Clarke & Hunton cattle.

"Wed, Mar 19 — Bordeaux. Showed Jim (Houser) where to build fence below the Owens place. George Drake, 2 men and feams went fo Whitcomb's place for the Clarke & Hunton cattle. Teams returned with lumber for bridge except the 22 ft, piece for joist. Worked in shop.

# From Bordeaux Day Book

W. D. Johnson—Dr 995 lbs hay \$9.25; 280 lbs corn at 2½c \$7. Cr by cash \$12.

James A. Bean—Cr by 740 lbs freight. Dr to 200 lbs hay \$2; 16 lbs shoulder \$2.40.

Geo. M. Drake-Dr to cash \$10.

"Thurs, Mar 20—Bordeaux. Took lumber to Richard creek (see February 11 entry). Worked some in shop. Snowed until noon.

"Fri, Mar 21 — Bordeaux. Feeding cattle. Snow about 15 in. deep all over the country. No mail today. Snowed very fast all day.

"Sat, Mar 22—Bordeaux. Feeding cattle all deamong all the cattle and found them doing well. No loss, which is remarkable considering the immense amount of snow. 3 young catves during storm. Nice warm day.

### From Bordeaux Day Book

Frank Hayes XA-Dr 2 meals & bed \$1.75; horse to hay & grain \$1.

William Hamilton - Dr 1 lb tobacco \$1;

cash \$10. Jim M. Hays comed work at noon March 10.

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"Sun, Mar 23 — Bordeaux. Rode among cattle and hauled hay to cattle in Grant pasture. All doing well. Mails late.

"Mon, Mar 24—Bordeaux. Feeding cattle. Whitcomb & Hunton's teams from Belle Fourche here tonight."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. Mitchell per J. B. Ricks — Dr two meals & bed \$1.75; 2 horses to hay & grain \$2; horse in stable 4 days \$2. Per Washbaugh 5 meals & bed \$4; 3 horses to hay, 3 feeds grain \$2.50.

Colin McDougall-Cr by 3 lbs butter \$1.05.

"Wed, Mar 26—Bordeaux. Started 6-horse tem to Cheyenne. Finished bridge in meadow. Haywood Fry come to ranch. Done some blacksmithing.

"Thurs, Mar 27—Bordeaux. Sent three men to Richard (creek) to work on bridge. George Boswell & wife started to Cheyenne. Very severe blizzard commenced about 10 o'clock. Lot of ditch pilgrims here. No mail south. Very bad day on stock. Snowed fast for six hours.

"Sat, Mar 29-Bordeaux. Hauling manure,

sand etc. Number of men stopping at Ranche including Tisdale, Weston, Reeder, deHemecourt & others and number of small freighting out-fits here. No mail north or south. Very pleasant day."

The "Tisdale" who stayed over at Bordeaux during that March blizzard of 1884 may have been John A. Tisdale who lived in Johnson county some 60 miles from Buffalo, Wyoming, On November 30, 1891. Mr. Tisdale started to Buffalo with his team and wagon for winter supplies. That was a time of strife and violence on the range. Before reaching his destination Tisdale heard that his life had been threatened by a stockman and former sheriff, named Frank M. Canton, and he bought a double barrelled shotgun for protection on his way home. About seven miles out of Buffalo, and some three miles beyond the Cross H ranch, Tisdale was shot to death from a gulch near the road. His team and heavily loaded wagon, with the dead man still on it, were then driven beyond sight of the road where the horses were also shot to death. Mr. Canton was arrested and charged with the murder but was released after a hearing before Justice of the Peace Parmalee. This was but one of several killings leading to the "Johnson County War". A number of books have been written on that fantastic episode in Wyoming history, Bob David's "Malcolm Campbell. Sheriff" presents the case for the cattlemen "invaders". A. S. Mercer's "Banditti of the Plains" champions the small settlers, the so-called "rustlers" Neither book makes much pretense at impartial or objective reporting. Passion and prejudice ran too high for that in those good old days.

Preserved among John Hunton's books is a pitifully thin little volume entitled, "The Pioneer", also by A. S. Mercer, printed in 1913 by the Henneberry Company of Chicago. It was opened with anticipation that was short-lived. Hard to realize such saccharine flapdoodle could have been written by the same man who penned "Banditti of the Plains". It must have given the shudders to any real pioneers who read it. Something had obviously happened to Mr. Mercer-or "Col." Mercer as he then called himself. His purpose and cause, fire and fight were gone. Perhaps they had been scared out of him-reports indicate the big cowmen really gave him the works for publishing "Banditti". But of course age may also have had something to do with it. Whatever the reason, it is always a little sad to see a crusader lower his lance, regardless of whether one approves or disapproves of his crusade.

From Bordeaux Day Book Geo. H. Boswell—Dr cash \$102.41, went to Chevenne.

W. C. Bradbury & Co. per Post—50 lbs flour at 5c \$2.50; 55 lbs potatoes at 2c \$1.10; 1 lb baking powder 50c; 22 lbs bacon at 20c \$4.40; 6 lbs beans 40c; 2 lbs coffee 50c; 2 lbs sugar 40c; 2 candles 10c. Cr by cash \$4, for which send 200 P.O. stamps to camp. Dr 11 meals \$5.50; 4 lodgings \$3; 2 horses 2 nights \$2; 2 telephone messages \$1.20. Cr by cash \$321.71.

Teschemacher & deBillier per Hill - 8

meals \$4; 2 beds \$1.50; 3 horses to hay \$1.50; Per Bennett & man—6 horses to hay \$1.50; 4 meals \$2.

"Sun, Mar 30 — Bordeaux. At Ranche all day very busy with travelers. Had the largest crowd I ever had at one time of men & horses.

"Mon, Mar 31 — Bordeaux. Made out and forwarded P.O. quarterly report. Talked with Whitcomb by telephone. He will let Clarke & Hunton have hay to feed cattle 8 or 10 days longer. This has been a very bad month on cattle with very much snow and some rain. Snowing nearly all day and quite fast at night."

Mr. Hunton's recorded receipts of \$1,032 for March, 1884 were: Wild estate \$87.84; M. E. Post & Co. \$250; Clarke & Hunton \$500 and ranch \$194.25.

His expenditures totaling \$1,143 include: Chinaman \$2; mining assessment \$41.33; F. E. Warren Mercantile Co. \$40.45; Patsy \$31.25; J. Houser \$200; Wightman \$500; horse shoeing \$4; book for Ditch Company \$6.50; shoes Lucy \$2; Dr. Cory \$6; Dh. Chase \$118; Burly Austin \$110; telephone \$36; theatre 20; fruit \$2; drinks \$3; Blanche \$16; Cheyenne Club \$4.30 and church 75c.

### APRIL, 1884

"Tues, Apr 1—Bordeaux. Fixing stalls for mares expected to foal in short time. Rode among cattle and found two dead ones which makes 5 branded cattle known to have died since commencement of storm March 20th.

Many ditch and other campers here. Last night and today severest on cattle of any weather this winter. Snowed all last night. Very high wind all day. Snow badly drifted."

From Bordeaux Day Book

E. C. Copps (foreman for Stoddard, Buffalo) per Co x—11 meals \$5.50; 4 head 4 nights hay \$8: 150 lbs corn at 3c \$4.50.

"Stoddard Buffalo" above is listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: "Stoddard & Howard Live Stock Co.—C. Stodard, general manager. P.O. Address, Buffalo, Johnson County, Wyo. Range, Powder River and Crazy Woman and Clear Creek forks of Powder River. Also O'Fallon Creek, Mont. Brands 'LX Bar' on left side, 'L' left thigh. Also some 14 other brands including 'Y Heart', 'OK', '7H', 'XH', and horse brands 'M' on shoulder and 'P' on thigh."

Converse Cattle Co.—10 meals \$5; 390 lbs hay \$3.90; 165 lbs oats \$4.95.

H. C. Chandler per Moore—2 meals \$1; 75 lbs hay 75c; 165 lbs oats \$4.95.

Wm. F. McFarlane (Macfarlane), self & man —9 meals \$4.50; 8 horses stable \$4.

Keline & Son-4 meals \$2.

"Keline & Sons" are in the Brand Book as "Geo. Keeline & Sons—P.O. Address, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Range, North Side Platte River, Fetterman to Laramie. Brands, an "Eye" on right side, also "TY" and 'Rocking Y."

Virginia Cole Trenholm, in her "Footprints on the Frontier" says that the chimneys of the Keeline ranch house are still standing east of the Platte River bridge near Glendo.

Bartlett Richard per Chas. Lacy—8 meals \$4; 4 lodgings \$3; 200 lbs hay \$2; 65 lbs oats at 3c \$1.95. Per Jones—1 horse stable & hay \$1; 8 mules stable & hay 2 nights \$8; 12 meals \$6.

Bartlett Richards appears twice in the Brand Book First as: "The Lakotah Company—Bartlett Richards, general manager. P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Ranges, Niobrara River and head of White River, Neb. and Little Powder River, Wyo. Brands, Double Flying Mr, '85', 'A4', 'TE' and a bottle-like symbol brand. Also range Running Water, Neb. Brands 'S Lazy V', 'G Bar', 'GT, 'Rocker X' and 'TT-lett Richards, Successor to Bartlett Richards, Successor to Bartlett Richards & Co.—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Belle Fourche and Donkey Creek, Wyo. Brand a 'Ship's Wheel' on left side for cattle and cow horses, 'IC' on left shoulder or hip for mares and young horse stock."

Stevens & Mizner per Carroll—900 lbs hay \$9; 10 meals \$5; 4 lodgings \$3; 1 horse left in stable. Per Ferguson—150 lbs corn \$4.50; 8 meals \$9; 5 horses, stable & hay 2 nights \$5; 1 horse hay 11 days, fed grain 8 times \$7.50.

"Wed, Apr 2—Bordeaux. Feeding cattle. Ad Ruggles went to Whitcomb's to relieve George Drake. Clear, nice day.

"Thurs, Apr 3 — Bordeaux. Worked on bridge with all hands, John got home with lumber & coal. George Drake came home from Whitcomb's. "Sat, Apr 5—Bard's Ranche. Left home in buck board this morning. Charly Sears with me. Roads very bad. Rankin's outfit on way to ditch."

From Bordeaux Day Book

W. G. Bradbury & Co. per Layton—53 lbs potatoes \$1.06; 2 lbs coffee 50c; 900 lbs hay (5 bales) \$9; wood in bunkhouse \$1. Per Malone & Nichols—3970 lbs hay \$39.70; 200 postage stamps \$4.

James & Joe Beavers-12 meals \$6.

Austin Spencer, work for Riddington — 6 meals \$3.

John Gohr—5 head in stable 8 days \$20.

Clark & Hunton—8 letters, brands, \$12. Stage Co. per G. Lathrop—93 lbs potatoes at 2c \$1.86.



## GEORGE LATHROP AND STAGE COACH

This photograph of that famous driver on the Cheyenne-Black Hills Stage and Express Line (courtesy of Russell Thorp, Jr.), was taken in the early '80s near Chugwater.

George C. Hoyt and Haywood Fry comed, work.

During the early gold rush to the Black Hills George Hoyt, for a time, ran the stage station at Government Farm some 14 miles north of Fort Laramie.

"Sun, Apr 6—Cheyenne. Arrived here today. Saw many freight teams on road unable to move on account of bad roads. Large number of persons here to attend Stock Meeting. Snowed nearly all day.

"Mon, Apr 7—Cheyenne. Stock meeting in session. Largest attendance ever known. Am on committee for roundup on Belle Fourch. P.M. cloudy and snowing.

"Tues, Apr 8—Cheyenne. Attending Stock meeting. Went to theatre. Took dinner with Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Clarke."

# From Bordeaux Day Book

Borrowed of DeBillier \$65.

Fred Blomstrom, hand—1 pr boots \$4.50; cash \$3; pair gloves \$2; 1 lb chew tob. \$1; cash sent to Croft for overalls \$1.25.

David Brice, hand—1 pr boots \$5; to cash paid Frenchy for overalls \$1.25.

Bill Fleet—4 horses hayed \$2; 4 meals \$2. Geo. J. Rankin—105 lbs potatoes \$2.62; 50 Ibs flour \$2.50; 9305 lbs hay \$73.54; 12 meals \$6; 3 lodgings \$2.25; wood, nothing; 22 bales hay, 2 tons \$32; sack oats 165 lbs \$4.95.

"Wed, Apr 9 — Cheyenne. Got ready to start home but had to stay and hire a cook as Geo. Boswell quit.

"Thus, Apr 10—Kelly's Ranch. Left town this morning and come here. Ground hard frozen. Cold, bad day.

"Fri, Apr 11—Bordeaux. Got home at 8 o'clock this morning. Everything all right. George Drake went to Whitcomb's place for Clarke & Hunton cattle."

#### From Bordeaux Day Book

W. C. Bradbury & Co. per self—2 meals \$1; 2 horses to hay 50c. Per J. T. Latten—1 bale hay \$1.80; 10 meals \$5. Per order—8,299 lbs hay, 51 bales \$66.39; 165 lbs oats \$4.95; grain for horse 50c.

John B. Thomas per Jennings—1 bale hay \$1.80; 5 loaves bread 60c.

G. M. Drake—to cash \$10.

William Hamilton-cash \$46.25.

"Sat, Apr 12—Bordeaux. Went to Bettelyoun's to take wire to bale hay, via Laramie bridge. Bridge in bad condition.

"Sun, Apr 13 — Bordeaux. Whitcomb & Hunton's cow outfit here on way to Belle Fourche. Drake got here with the U vertical bar S cattle. Hugh Jackson & wife here. Rankin's team here for hay.

"Mon, Apr 14—Bordeaux. Rode among the cattle. Put some of the weakest of the U vertical bar S cattle in Grant corrall and feeding them hay. Finished the Richard creek bridge (see February 11 entry). Baling hay."

#### From Bordeaux Day Book

Wyoming Historical Society Company — meals, lodging & horse feed \$9.50.

John Hanney—2 lbs chew tobacco \$2; pair gloves \$2; cash to J. Craft \$5; to Geo. H. Boswell \$5; cash \$20. Credit by trip to Chevenne \$9.

Geo. Mitchell per V. Sherman — 2 horses hayed, stabled & grained \$2; 3 meals & lodging \$2.25.

W. C. McDougall—33 lbs butter with crock, Hill & Wilde—Dr 250 lbs hay \$2.50. Teschemacher & deBillier per Frenchy—3 meals & lodging \$2.25; horse 2 nights \$1. By Hill—Dr 1 meal 50c.

Haywood Fry—Dr 1 pair gloves \$2; 4 blankets from Ruggles \$8; 20 2c stamps 40c.

Geo. Boswell—Dr cash in Cheyenne \$142.50; cash to Charly Miller \$20; Dyer \$25, Terry Bros. \$100, Charlton stable bill \$15, Mrs. Boswell \$30.

The "Dyer" above was probably Tim Dyer, frequently mentioned in this journal, Cheyenne hotel man and president of the rich Black Hills Hidden Treasure gold mine during the "70s. Mr. Dyer is listed in the '84 Brand Book as, "T. Dyer—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyoming. Brand "TD Bar"." No range is given.

"Tues, Apr 15—Bordeaux. Done some work in shop. Grading road in bottom between Ranche and bridge. Quit baling hay. Bradbury's team here for hay.

"Wed, Apr 16—Kellys. Give all the men instructions what to do and started to Cheyenne in buggy. George Drake with me. Surveyor Crafts comed work laying out ditch.

"Thurs, Apr 17 — Cheyenne. Nooned at Horse Creek and arrived here 5 p.m. Met many freight teams. Roads heavy but improving fast. Telephoned to Blanche from Kelly's, Horse Creek and town.

"Fri, Apr 18—Cheyenne. Commenced settiement of the Wild estate and have to delay proceedings until Monday on account of absence of (Lawyer) Corlett.

"Sun, Apr 20-Cheyenne. Went to Ingra-

ham place and to stock yards twice to see stallions. Went to church.

"Mon, Apr 21—Cheyenne. Attended court as jurior. A. B. Austin proved up on pre-emption claim and filed on homestead. I bought his preemption claim. Adjusted the Wild estate and paid off some of the claims. Bought stallion of Boulter & Morgan."

The "Boulter" of Boulter & Morgan above, was Collingswood (Charles) Boulter, listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: "C. Boulter, G. H. Cross, Manager—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, LaBonte, Wyoming, Brands: 'Pothook', 'HE', 'S Bar D', 'JS', 'JS Bar', 'T' and '40'."

Mrs. Criss Cross Morton, daughter of the late pioneer, George H. Cross, has this to say about the business relationship between her father and Mr. Boulter:

"In 1878 when the roundup was camped at the Emerson, Baker & Kennedy ranch (the old Speed Stagner ranch now cwned by my brother, Bill Cross) Joe Sullivan, a great uncle of Governor Milward Simpson, was fatally injured while riding a bucking horse. He said to my father, 'They will bury me in Fetterman. I am going to die. I want you to sell my cattle and send the money to my folks in Colorado.' Collingswood Boulter, known as Charles, had driven there in a buggy to buy cattle and he bought Joe Sullivan's. He asked my father to take care of them, along with his own cattle, at \$1 a head a year. They were all steers and

were branded 'JS Bar', Joe Sullivan's brand. Boulter's brand was the 'Pot Hook'. My father took care of his cattle from 1878 until 1886 when Boulter started his Hereford Association."

Mr. Boulter was a man of many parts according to Mr. Cross' memoirs and other sources of information. As stated above he is credited with starting the Wyoming Hereford Association, of which Thomas Swan was president; George F. Morgan general manager and salesman, and Churles C. Anthony secretary and treasurer—and with making a lot of money.

But although a success in the financial world, and well known throughout the territory, it is doubtful that Mr. Boulter traveled in what was called Cheyenne's "best" society. In addition to his large cattle interests he was also a professional gambler—which, come to think of it, may have had something to do with his success in the cow business. He is also said to have been the husband or best boy friend of Ida Hamilton, a celebrated "Madam" in Cheyenne.

Mr. Boulter was also entitled to wear at least memoirs he killed a mac nor 1879 for abusing one of the girls in Madam Hamilton's establishment. Nothing happened to him for that, but later on he is said to have killed another man, under circumstances not known to this writer, and that time lost most of his money to lawyers for the defense and several years of liberty as well.

Among her voluminous historical notes Mrs. Agnes Wright Spring, Colorado State Historian and writer, has the record of a conversation with the late Earnest Logan, pioneer stage driver, in which he recalled that during 1885 the John Hunton's lived in what was known as Cheyenne's Maple Terace. (This journal records that on May 28, 1844, Mr. Hunton purchased Lawyer Rosendale's house and lot in Cheyenne, so maybe that was "Maple Terrace.") And one day, according to Mr. Logan, Charlie Boulter stood on the steps of Ida Hamilton's place and shot a man in front of Maple Terrace, which was just across the street. As near as he could remember "Ida's Place" was built in 1876 and the Terrace in 1879 or "80.

In those days the "Madams" and their sometimes luxurious bordellos were more or less accepted, if not approved, as having a place in most large communities. A spade was cailed a spade; sweeping vice under the carpet and pretending it is not there is a fairly recent refinement. At the same time, men held feminine virtue in high regard and virtuous women were treated, and guarded, as such. That was the code and those who violated it were aut to face a gun or feel the horse-whip.

As might be expected, things some times got a little out-of-hand at such houses. Novelist Olga Moore Arnold, while researching among old newspapers in the Library of Congress came across an account of a—

#### Girlish Scuffle At Ida's Place

The Cheyenne Leader quite matter-of-factly reported that a group of Ida's young women staged this "girlish scuffle", with much pulling of hair and tearing of ribbons-plus the slight matter of one LaVerne being shot in the jaw,

These girls really scuffled!

From Bordeaux Day Book

Albert C. Ross—Dr ½ lb chew tob. 50c; 15 2c stamps 30c; cash \$11; package envelopes 55c; 4 cigars 50c.

Richard Turpin—Dr 6 bales hay \$10.80; 25 lbs salt \$1.25; cash of Hunton \$40.

Milwaukee Inv. Co. per Boswell — 1 horse hay 2 nights \$1. Per Kelly—12 meals \$6; lodging 2 nights. Per Bray—Dr 4 meals \$2; horse feed 50c. Per Besmer—meal 50c; horse left in stable.

The "Milwaukee Inv. Co." above was probably the Milwaukee & Wyoming Investment Co., organized in 1882 by George Mitchell. Mrs. Trenholm's "Footprints on the Frontier" records that Mr. Mitchell's uncle, Alexander Mitchell, was founder and president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, which probably accounts for the name. And it is also perhaps reasonable to assume Uncle Alexander may have helpod finance the venture. But however, the company's headquarters were on the HR ranch and George Mitchell was its first manager.

The company's listing in Wyoming's 1884 Brand Book is shown following February 2, 1884 entry.

"Tues, Apr 22—Bard's Ranch. Went to the lugraham Ranch, got stud horse and started him home by one of the Two Bar LX men. Bought two horses of Van Tassel, drove them to T. & deB's, buggy, Met Whitcomb and priced my interest in Bar (over) FS to him for Bassett,

The "Bassett" to whom John Hunton priced his interest in the 'Bar FS' herd, through E. W. Whitcomb, may have been a man listed in the Brand Book as: "W. H. Bassett & Co.—P.O. Address 260 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich. Range, Running Water, Neb. Brands, 'TL Bar,' 'Bar 79', 'a', '2Y', '04', '8Y', '4Y, and 'ST', 'Wattle on left shoulder,'

"Wed, Apr 23—Bordeaux. Arrived here 12 noon. Everything all right. Arbuckle commenced work on ditch the 22nd.

"Thurs, Apr 24—Borceaux. Men cleaning ditch. Started two teams to Cheyenne. Jim & John's men arrived with the Morgan stallion."

From Bordeaux Day Book

G. Bradley per Radcliffe — Dr 2 mules in pasture 6 mo. & 22 days at \$2 per mo. \$13.47.

McGinnley & Stover per Bouse-Dr 5 bales hay \$9.

The above cowmen are listed in the '84 Brand Book as: "McGinley & Stover—P.O. Address La-Porte, Colo. Range, Running Water, Neb. Brands 'JA', 'OK', 'T Slash T', 'T4', 'Tr, 'Cross L','' and several symbol brands, including the "Damfino" brand used by Russell Thorp on his letterhead of the 1950's.

Thomas Dawson and John Francis comed work April 2nd at noon.

James Houser—Dr to cash \$50; S.&H. bill for shirts \$5. Cr by cash for sundries \$46.25.

"Sat, Apr 26-Bordeaux. Cutting and burn-

ing sage brush. Discharged Joe the cook, Settled with Geo. Boswell in full. Two cows and one calf died. Rained and snowed all night.

"Sun, Apr 27—Bordeaux. Done nothing all day. Bay mare 'Nell' died of lung fever. Arbuckle spent the day here. Arthur Teschemacher & Weston went to town.

"Tues, Apr 29 — Bordeaux. Cutting sage brush, etc. Posted books. Surveyor Crafts come."

### From Bordeaux Day Book

Whipple & Hay per Tidwell—Dr 1 bale hay \$1.80; 3 meals \$1.50. Per Yates 1000 lbs hay \$10; 8 meals \$4; 21 horses in pasture \$2.10.

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Dr 12,041 lbs hay at 80c, \$96.33; 4 meals \$2; chew tobacco 25c. Per Bell—telephone 60c; horse to hay 50c. Cr by 5,712 ft. lumber.

Post Office—Cr by stamps received: 500 1c, 2,500 2c, 300 5c, 100 10c—total \$80. Cr by 500 No. 3 2c envelopes \$11, 250 No. 4½ 2c envelopes \$5.50, 250 1c wrappers \$2.75—total \$19.30.

George C. Hoyt—Dr boots, socks & drawers \$10.50; cash \$4; cash for knife \$1.25; cash to Frenchy \$5.50; chew tob. 25c.

Expense Acct.—Harrington's bill \$7.50; Organ's bill \$85.36; Baker & Johnson bill \$125.56; U. M. Co. bill \$498.98; trip to Cheyenne with two teams \$23.50.

J. W. Ford per Clay—Dr to hay & grain \$5; 6 meals \$3. Per J. Davis—2 span horses hay & grain \$3; 8 meals \$4; lodgings \$2.

Stephens & Mizner per Mizner-Dr 2 meals

& horse feed \$2; telephone \$1.20; 4 meals & lodgings \$2.75; 1 horse hay 4 days \$2; 10 lbs chewing tobacco \$10; 2 span horses fed 2 days \$4.

A. P. Arbuckle—Dr 4 pans 80c; 1½ tons hay at \$13.50, \$19.75. Cr by 1 sack oats, 2 sacks corn. Dr. 45½ lbs bacon.

Wyo. Development Co. per Capern—Dr 6 meals & lodgings \$5.25; 3 horses hay & grain \$3. Per Bell—3 meals & lodgings \$2.25; hay & grain \$3; telephone \$1.20. Per Haley—1 meal & hay \$1.25; telephone & telegraph \$1.10.

George H. Boswell—Cr by work of self & wife from May 1st, '83 to Sept. 5th, '83, 4 1/6 mos. at \$50 per month \$250; work of self 6% mos. at \$50 per mo. \$333.33. Dr cash in full \$50.22.

Joe D. Witmer-Dr cash \$75.75. Cr by 59 days work \$59; by 1 month work cooking \$40.

Anglo American Cattle Co. per Chapman— 2 meals & lodgings \$1.75; hay & grain \$1. Per Bell—3 meals & lodgings \$2.25; 4 horses hay & grain \$3.50.

Swan Land & Cattle Co.—616 lbs barb wire to be returned.

James McElhone—comcd work at \$40 per Mo. Dr 2 meals \$1; chew tob. 75c; 2 cigars 25c.

"Wed, Apr 30 — Bordeaux. (George) Boswell left. New cook come. Sage brush cufting, handling cattle. etc."

The receipts of \$1,311 recorded by Mr. Hunton

in his diary during April, 1884, were: Ranche \$311.15 and Bordeaux Ditch Co. \$1,000.

His listed expenditures totaling \$1,270 include: recording and acknowledging \$4.55; barber \$1; Fry's watch \$10.50; D. Miller \$2; Clarke & Hunton \$25.50; Hamilton \$25.25; Horse Creek (road ranch) \$1.50; Dick Turpin \$40; Masters \$16.75; Drake \$150; Boswell \$160; Charlton \$7; T.&B. club 25; Austin \$270; Wild estate 80; Haas \$207.25; shrubs \$5.20; Bordeaux Ditch Co. \$5; pie spoon \$20; Bards (road ranch) \$7.50; Blanche \$30; drinks & cigars \$4.50; Cheyenne Club \$50; interest \$62; theatre \$1; hotel bills \$18.50.

## MAY, 1884

"Fri, May 2—Bordeaux. Cutting sage brush, cleaning ditch. Teams come from Cheyenne. Branded colts. One colt killed itself. Mrs. Arbuckle come.

"Sat, May 3 — Bordeaux. Cleaning ditch, hauling hay etc. Done lots of telephoning today. Put stray horse and mare in pasture."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

Teschemacher & Debillier per Wheeler— Dr 3 meals \$1.50. Per Bennett—Dr 4 meals \$2; 300 lbs hay \$3. Per McFarlane—meal & hay \$1. Per Hill—meal & hay 75c.

Haywood Fry—repairing boots \$1.50; cash paid Frenchy 75c; 2 cigars 25c; postage stamps 40c.

"Sun, May 4—Bordeaux. Nothing done today. Tom Hunton come. Got bad belly ache. "Mon, May 5—Bordeaux. Working on fence down Chug Springs branch. Run ditch below Beaver dam. Sold Tom Hunton one fifth of my half interest in the 'DE' herd for \$5,000.

"Tues, May 6 — Bordeaux. Digging post holes, hauling posts etc. Tom Branson & others at ranch tonight. Started camp at the Owens place."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

Fred Boomstrom — 1/2 lb chewing tobacco 50c; 3 cigars 35c; postage stamps 12c; cash \$5.

Philip Douglas—Dr 9 cigars \$1.15; 2 pr drawers of Casabon (Cazaubon) \$2.

U. States Gov. per Johnston & Carren—Dr 72 lbs corn, 228 lbs hay. Per Hilton—Dr 100 lbs hay, 36 lbs corn. Per Vanorsdall—Dr ¼ cord wood. Per Draper—Dr 100 lbs hay.

Camp Cook comed work.

Colin McDougall—Cr by 2 jars butter gross 62½ lbs. tare 25% lbs.

"Wed, May 7—Bordeaux. Surveyed ditch below Beaver dams and laid out fence, Digging post holes. Moved cattle out of meadow. Sowed oats, planting potatoes etc.

"Thurs, May 8—Bordeaux. Fixed gaps in fence where ditch crosses. Hauling posts etc. Sturgis and Goddells (Godells) men come for bulls.

"Fri, May 9 — Bordeaux. Shaped up the bulls and turned 60 head over to Goddeli's men."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Frank Lusk—Dr 4 meals & lodg. \$2.75; 1 span horses hay & G. \$2.

Milwaukee & Wyo, Inv. Co. per Mitchell—

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Wm. Wholesapple-Cr by cash \$40.75.

E. Westcott-Cr by cash in full \$2.90.

"Sat, May 10—Bordeaux. Sent John Francis to 7H Ranch with S. L. & G's. (Sturgis, Lane & Godell's) men with bulls. Tom Hunton and I went to Bullock place & returned. L. Smith, C. Campbell & Stoddard here. Campbell will take 12 bulls.

"Sun, May 11—Bordeaux. Rode along ditch and showed surveyor what I wanted done. Give general instructions what I wanted done.

"Mon, May 12—Cheyenne. Left home this morning on coach and arrived here 9 P.M. Cloudy & rainy.

"Tues, May 13—Cheyenne. Done nothing. Waiting to hear from Clarke. John arrived with team.

"Thursday, May 15 — Cheyenne. Loaded team, also loaded Ryan Bros. with wire & corn. Also two other teams with 6,000 lbs oats. Heavy thunder shower 4 P. M.

"Sun, May 18 — Cheyenne. Wrote to Blanche, Geo, Drake & Tom Hunton. In room nearly all day. Team started home."

From Bordeaux Day Book
Expense Acct.—Bringing stud from Chey-

enne \$4.75; Union Mercantile Co. bill \$394.36; freight \$60.89.

Isaac Bettelyoun—Cr by cash on acct. 90c; Dr 5 meals \$2.50; span horses hay 2 night \$2.

W. C. Bradbury & Co. per Post—Dr meal, hay & grain for horse \$1; telephone message 10c. Per Spaulding—meal, hay & grain \$1.50.

A. Thayer-meal 50c. Cr by shoeing 1 span horses.

Chas. Sears—Cr by 67 lbs oats returned. Dr ½ lb chewing tobacco 50c; 2 cigars 25c.

"Mon, May 19—Cheyenne. Collected some money and settled some bills. Attended Government sale, bought some old wagons, harness, etc.

"Tues, May 20—Cheyenne. Worked all day putting up hay stacker and rake. Heard of man being killed at Sabille ditch camp and murderer hung. Blanche at Bard's tonight on way to town.

"Wed, May 21—Cheyenne. Done nothing today. Blanche arrived. Rained all last night."

From Bordeaux Day Book

R. Trimble—Dr 2 meals & lodging \$1.75; horse to hay 50c.

Teschemacher & DeBillier per Rutherford —Dr horse to hay 2 days \$1; 1 meal 50c. Per Miller & Ross—2 horses to hay \$1; 7 meals \$3.50.

Per Shaw—1 meal 50c; 1 horse left in pasture. Per Trimble—1 horse left in pasture.

Wyoming Development Co. per Capern — Dr 1 horse hay & grain \$1; 2 meals \$1. Per Rice —Dr 3 meals \$1.50; 1 span mules to hay \$1. 1 team to engineers camp.

"Fri, May 23-Cheyenne. Went to circus.

"Sun, May 25 — Cheyenne. Went to stock yards & bought two thorough-bred Hereford bulls of Morgan for \$350 each. Dined at Rodes. Telephoned for John Francis to come for bulls.

"Mon, May 26—Cheyenne. Bought Whitefaced bull (son of Rudolph) of Morgan for \$1000 cash. John Francis come to take bulls home. Went to theatre. Rained."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Stephens and Mizner per Stephens—Dr 3 meals, 2 lodgings \$3; 2 horses hay & grain \$1.75.

"Tues, May 27—Cheyenne. Strained my left ankle. Started the three bulls to Ranche. High water in Crow Creek. Heavy rain.

"Wed, May 28—Cheyenne. Bought Rosendale's house & lot."

Presumably the house and lot which Mr. Hunton bought in Cheyenne belonged to former Milwaukee Lawyer Rosendale who was interested with Heck Reel in the HR ranch on the North Laramie.

"Thurs, May 29—Bard's Ranche. Left Cheyenne this morning, carriage. Roads very muddy. John (Francis) & man here with bulls. Ankle very painful."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Wyo. Development Co. per McDough—Dr 2 meals & lodging \$1.75; 1 horse hay & grain \$1. Per Post—Dr 1 meal, hay & grain \$1. Per Besemer-1 meal 50c; 1 horse left in Past. Cr by cash \$61.25.

J. A. Casabon (French) — Cr by 2 pair drawers for (Philip) Douglas \$2.

Charles A. Campbell—Dr 1 span horses left in Past.; 12 bulls \$600.

"Fri, May 30—Bordeaux. Arrived here 1 P. M. Tom Swan and Surveyor Hicks come on coach. Everything seemingly all right. Have to use stick and crutch. Mrs. Boswell come on coach.

"Sat, May 31—Bordeaux. Let Swan have team & wagon to go to Larmie River bridge. Tried to go about and see what was going on but ankle was so painful had to give up and keep still. Arbuckle gettig along well with ditch."

During May, 1884, Mr. Hunton recorded the following receipts totaling \$5,088: for bridle bit \$6; Ranch \$262; Bordeaux Ditch Co. \$200; T. & DeB. (Teschemacher & deBillier) \$3,000; J. H. (John Hunton) & Co. \$1,100; W. W. Jeffrey \$20; (Gen) J. L. Kemper \$500.

His expenditures of \$4,231 included: W. W. Jeffrey \$20; expanse Bar FS herd \$623.75; John Henry \$38; C. P. Organ \$3,049.75 and W. J. Cave \$500.

#### JUNE, 1884

"Sun, June 1—Bordeaux. Tom Swan left on coach. Heavy freshet in Richard creek. Bridge washed out. John (Francis) got here with bulls."

From Bordeaux Day Book

A. P. Arbuckle—Dr to 1 large bell; 1 dozen rivets; 5 bulls \$325.

U. S. Government per Ballman—Dr to 168 lbs hay \$1.68. Per Droper—Dr 100 lbs hay \$1; 1 bale hay \$1.40.

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Cr by 93 2x4x16, 981 ft. lumber; 49 3x4x14, 672 ft. lumber.

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Teschemacher & DeBillier per McCannell—

Dr 1 meal & hay for horse 75c. Per Davis—1 meal, hay & grain \$1. Cash \$4,000.

Haywood Fry—Dr postage stamps \$1.10. Colin McDougall—Cr 1 roll butter 6 lbs.

Fred Bloomstrom—Dr to cash \$1; 4 cigars 50c.

Expense Acct.—Bringing bulls from Cheyenne \$41.

"Mon, June 2-Bordeaux. Laid off ditch on Blanche's claim.

"Tues, June 3—Bordeaux. Went to Bradbury's saw mill. Dined with Harry Yount. Arranged with B. & Co. for 20,000 feet lumber at \$37 per 1000 feet delivered at Ranche."

Harry S. Yount with whom John Hunton dined June 3, 1884, was a rather remarkable fellow—a combination soldier, frontiersman, scout, explorer, mountain climber, miner, trapper and hunter. He was born in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania March 18, 1847; enlisted in the Union army at the age of 14, served throughout the Civil War and came to Wyoming as a bull freighter in 1866.

In 1873 Mr. Yount joined Dr. Hayden's Geological Survey with which he spent a number of years exploring the then uncharted mountain country of Wyoming. During 1878 he and a mountain climbing Professor A. D. Wilson of this survey scaled the Grand Tetons. President Hayes, in 1880, appointed Harry Yount, "gamekeeper" of Yellowstone Park and Younts Peak, at the head of the Yellowstone River, was named after him.

But apparently that life was too tame and in 1882 he started his own hunting and trapping career, ranging over much of the west and all the game country in what is now Wyoming, stopping now and then to do a little prospecting. He ended up with considerable mining property including a marble stone quarry.

There are a number of stories and fables about harry Yount's prowess as a hunter of big game but he was probably best known as a bear killer and is reputed to have on occasion followed the beasts right into their dens for show down hand-to-paw combat, where it was a case of win—or else. He was also friend and companion of another noted bear hunter, "Dutch" George Ware, who was killed by a Grizzly, exact date unknown, in the Laramie Peak region. Ware's body, skull crushed and one leg chewed up, was found and buried by Johnny Gorhewed up, was found and buried by Johnny Gor-

don. Mrs. Trenholm, in her "Footprints on the Frontier", records that Harry Yount carved and erected a marble slab at his friend's lonely grave, the inscription reading:

"The greatest nimrod of the West Beneath this stone, he lies at rest. While one day hunting near the Peak He on a Grizzly lair did sneak. His rifle shot just stung the bear, Who sprang forth and killed George Ware."

From which it would appear that Mr. Yount was also a bit of a poet—maybe he had a ghost writer.

"Wed, June 4—Bordeaux. Clarke here for 'U Verticle Bar S' cattle. Rounded them in and branded. Milk cows intended for Gen. Gibbon a failure as they were not taken care of on trip. Wrote him to that effect."

From Bordeaux Day Book

George Hoyt — Dr to cash \$19.50; ½ lb

Expense Acct. — Van Tassell & Wightman bill \$10.50; Keever freight \$36.57; U. M. Co. \$500; Baker & Johnson beef \$21, grain & freight \$142.45; Wyo. Meat Co. \$41.76; United States \$49; Bristol & Knabe \$22.85; J. Zell \$19; canvas dams \$10; rope & muzzles 1.90; Ryan Bros. freight \$2.96; Organ's bill \$111.30; Dare & Collins bill \$326.65; freight bill \$73.56.

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Cr by 5186 ft. lumber \$124.33. Per Post—Dr 1 meal, hay & grain \$1. Per Spaulding—Dr hay 50c; telephone 25c. Cr by 2312 ft. lumber.

John Hanney-Dr to cash \$38. Cr by expense to Cheyenne \$8.50.

John Francis-Dr to cash \$30.

Geo. M. Drake-Dr to cash \$30.

R. S. Van Tassell—Cr by cash \$31.60.

George Boswell—Cr by 1 jar butter gross 26 lbs. Dr to 50 lbs salt \$2.50; 1 meal & hay \$1.

"Thurs, June 5—Bordeaux. Started three 4-horse teams to saw mill for lumber. Clarke and Browning left with cattle. Sent John Francis to help Clarke get cattle across rivers.

"Fri, June 6—Bordeaux. Branded bulls and cut some yearlings. Rounded up cows and calves to brand tomorrow. Sam Boyd and Hord at Ranch to dinner. Blaine & Logan nominated by Republican convention.

"Sat, June 7—Bordeaux. All hands doing nothing. Teams returned with lumber. Rained all day."

From Bordeaux Day Book

F. P. Browning-Pasturing cattle \$150.

Clarke & Hunton—Dr 105 lbs bacon (shoulders) \$11.55; George Drake 19 days work \$38; Ruggles 22 days work \$18.

Anglo American Cattle Co. per Garvin— Dr 2 meals & pasture \$1.60; 1 bale hay 140 lbs \$1.40.

W. F. Barry—Dr to 3 cans peaches \$1.50; 1 can axle grease 50c. Cr cash to balance \$2.

Cattle Acct. - May: 40 bulls sold at \$90,

\$3,600; 25 bulls at \$60, \$1,500; 5 bulls at \$65, \$325—Total \$6,025.

Branded — one "111" steer, 3 years old, "LD"; 3 "LD" yearling steers; 9 old white face bulls; 79 bulls calves; 119 heifer calves; 36 steer calves.

"Mon, June 9 — Bordeaux. Branded 235 calves (28 of them of the '16' brand, 11 of them bulls). Men working on ditch on Tom's desert claim.

"Tues, June 10—Bordeaux. Done but little today. Heard that lightning struck the Rosendale house (see May 28 entry). Luke Voorhees and others here last night.

"Wed, June 11—Cheyenne. Left home on coach this morning and arrived here at night. Much rain on road today."

#### From Bordeaux Day Book

W. C. Ross — Dr postage stamps 30c; 12 cigars 1.50. Cr for 2 mos. & 4 days work \$75.81. Dr cash \$69.76.

James Hayes per Douglas—Dr 1 quire paper 25c; postage stamps 50c. Self—Dr to cash paid Frenchy for sundries \$2.50; 1 pair overalls.

C. & B. H. (Cheyenne & Black Hills) Stage Co. per Luddy—Dr 1 meal 50c.

Agnes Wright Spring's "Cheyenne and Black Hills Stage Routes" identifies "Luddy" as a teamster and mule skinner who hauled supplies for the stage company.

A. P. Arbuckle per cook—Dr 95 lbs potatoes. Per self—Dr 213 lbs potatoes at 2c; 67 lbs

Gran sugar at 14c; 2 doz rivets \%x4 50c; 2 bolts \\2x7 25c; leather strap 50c. Cash \$50.

Bordeaux Ditch Co.—Dr 17,635 ft lumber delivered on ground at \$40 per thousand \$705.40.

Expense Acct.—Bristol & Knobes bill \$8.75; 4356 ft. lumber for bridge at Richard Creek at \$40 per thousand \$174.24; 150 lbs nails at 6c \$9; Union Mercantile bill \$159.18; pens 50c.

U. S. Government per Lineham—Dr 400 lbs hay, 36 lbs corn.

Stephens & Mizner per Stephens — Dr 7 meals \$3.50; 6 feeds hav & grain \$4.

"Thurs, Junue 12 — Cheyenne. Examined Rosendale house. Found the furniture much Injured. Wrote to Blanche.

"Fri, June 13 — Laramie City. Come here and fixed deed and other papers to send to (Gen. J. L.) Kemper. Everything seems very dull here. Wrote to Blanche postal & note.

"Saf, June 14—Cheyenne. Returned here from Laramie City. Insurance agents not come. Will have to await their arrival. Wrote to Blanche."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

Teschemacher & DeBillier per Trimble—Dr to 1 horse in pasture 10 days \$1. Per Shaw—Dr 21 head horses in Past. for 7 days at 5c per head per day \$2.75. Per Jas. Hill—Dr 25 lbs Gran. Sugar.

R. Trimble per Surveyor Hicks—Dr 3 meals & lodging \$2.25.

David Brice—Cr by check for freight \$29.75. Dr to cash to (Philip) Douglas \$3; to cash paid for socks \$1; to 1 pair overalls.

"Sun, June 15—Cheyenne. In room writing & reading nearly all day. No insurance agent yet. Wrote to Blanche.

"Tues, June 17—Cheyenne. Still waiting for insurance man. Teams arrived, John (Francis) & Burley (Austin). Swan, Luke Voorhees, Van Tassell & myself met to talk over new telephone company. Went to theatre to see Charlotte Thompson.

"Wed, June 18—Cheyenne. Loaded teams with machines and other things. Rosendale and the insurance man met and finally agreed upon the amt. of insurance."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Fred Bloomstrom—Dr cash \$1; to cash paid Frenchy for sundries \$2.50; 1 pair overalls.

Philip Douglas — Dr 2 cigars 25c; cash \$58.13. Cr by 1 mo. 16 days work \$61.33; butcher knife \$1.

Colin McDougall—Cr by 2 jars butter gross 86 lbs.

E. Nagle per J. M. Cook — Dr 2 meals & lodging \$1.75; pasture 25c.

Jas. McElhone (cook)—Dr to cash \$53.69. Cr by 1 mo. 17½ days work \$63.33.

Cheyenne & Black Hills Teleg. Co. per J. H. Cook—Dr 4 meals & lodging \$3.50; pasture 25c; 1 horse to ranche \$2.

Suffolk Cattle Co. per Moore-Dr 1 meal

50c. Per G. West—Dr 4 meals, 2 lodgings \$3.50; 2 horses in pasture 20c. Cr by cash in full \$4.25.

The 1894 Brand Book lists the above outfit as. "Suffolk Cattle Company—John B. Thomas Manager. P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyoming. Range, Cheyenne River and Lodge Creek, Laramie County, Wyo. Brand, 'Inverted V Lazy 5', 'Inverted LL', Alsoom 'VN Bar', 'AHA', 'S Slash Bar'."

"Thurs, June 19—Cheyenne. Looked over the Rosendale property and agreed to take it as it stands, he allowing me \$2,000 of the insurance money. Side walk being put down.

"Fri, June 20—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne this morning on coach. Found everything all right. Roads dusty.

"Sat, June 21—Bordeaux. Making preparation to move to Cheyenne. Not feeling well. All stock doing well. Bought 3 horses of Teschemacher & deBillier at \$35 head."

## From Bordeaux Day Book

A. P. Arbuckle per Weir—Dr to 199 lbs potatoes; powder \$2.50; 4 hardwood spokes 50e; 1 doz 6-in. bolts 75c; cash \$300; 339 lbs potatoes \$6.78: 5 meals \$2.50; powder & fuse \$5.75.

R. S. Sheppard—Dr 1 jinnie & horse past. \$5. Cr cash to balance \$5.

Geo. Mitchell—Dr ½ doz boxes matches 50c. Per W. Waln—Dr cash paid for saddle \$1.

Milwaukee & Wyoming Inv. Co. per Besemer—Dr to 50 lbs flour \$2.50.

Per Mitchell-Dr 4 meals & lodging \$3.50; grain 50c; pasture 2 horses 1 day 25c. Per Mit1884

chell Bros.—4 meals 2 lodgings \$3.50; feed grain 50c.

J. F. Story & W. (wife) commenced work. Dr 2 stage fares \$13.

W. H. Coleman-Cr by freighting \$1.85.

W. H. Coleman above may have been an old freighter called "Curley" Coleman. Mrs. Trenholm's "Footprints on the Frontier" recalls that when H. W. Loomis came to Cheyenne in 1883 or '84 he paid Curley Coleman two dollars for the privilege of walking with his freight outfit from Cheyenne to Fort Laramie where he was given a job by his uncle, Bill Wightman, who was manager for Whipple & Hay of the Laramie River Cattle Company, Agnes Wright Spring's 'Cheyenne & Black Hills Stage Routes' also identifies a Curley Coleman as one time operator of notorious Six Mile ranch Fort Laramie during the late '70s.



(Photograph courtesy of Mrs. Jessie V. Lewis)

Harold W. Loomis, who paid Freighter Curly Coleman \$2 for the privilege of walking with his bull-train from Cheyenne to Fort Laramie, is zictured above (left) in later years with Pioneer Pat Dalv. 1 8 8 4 215

Mrs. Jessie V. Lewis, of Alburg, Vermont, is a daughter of Bill Wightman, who gave Loomis a job with Whipple & Hay's cow outfit. Mrs. Lewis writes that her father and Loomis were cousins.

"Sun, June 22—Bordeaux. Done nothing today. Arthur Teschemacher here to dinner. Roundup parties near here. Bob Walker here.

Teams got here from Cheyenne.

"Mon, June 23—Bordeaux. Irrigating, fencing, putting up hay loader etc. Moving things from Ranche to house etc. Surveyor Craftscome.

"Tues, June 24—Bordeaux. Rode about to see ditches. Give Tom (Hunuton) and George (Drake) instructions about work. Sent Geo. Drake to Bard's with carriage to take Patsy & Luck. Preparing to move to Cheyenne."

From Bordeaux Day Book

R. S. Van Tassell — Dr 2 meals & lodging \$1.75; 1 stallion hay & grain \$1; 112 lbs hay (Wm. Zapp) \$1.12.

Chas. Sears—Dr 9 cigars \$1.10; ½ lb chewing tobacco 50c. Per Hoyt—Dr to cash \$10.75.

George Hoyt—Dr 4 cigars 50c; cash \$44.50. Cr by 88 days work at \$1, \$88.

John Hanney—Dr cash \$52.78. Cr by 6% mos. work at \$35 mo. \$233.33.

J. A. (Frenchy) Cazabon (Cazaubon)-Dr to cash from Douglas \$2.

"Wed, June 25—Cheyenne. Left Bordeaux this morning in buggy & got here 5:30. Moving to town. "Sat. June 28—Cheyenne. Completed the trade with Rosendale for house, lot and furniture for Blanche. Blanche paid Rosendale \$2118 cash and give her notes with me as security for \$8,000. Rosendale left for the East.

"Sun, June 29—Cheyenne. Went to church' twice and put 85c in the hat."

From Bordeaux Day Book

E. Plunkett—Dr to 1 horse left in Past.

Mr. E. Plunkett may have been the same man listed in the 1884 Brand Book as: "Plunkett, Roche & Co.—P.O. Address Powder River, Wyo. Range, Powder River. Brands 'EK' and 'E2'."

H. H. Andrews—Horse branded "7" in pasture; 2 meals & lodging \$1.75.

Likewise, perhaps H. H. Andrews was the man listed in the Brand Book as: "Andrews & Hudson— P.O. Address Theresa, via Ft. Fetterman, Wyo. Range, Duck Creek and Dry Cheyenne River, Wyo. Brands, DV, 'Bar Reverse 3 3', and 'HU'."

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Cr by 6,501 ft. lumber. Per Post—Dr 2 meals & lodging \$1.75; 1 span mules to hay \$1: 181 lbs potatoes \$3.62.

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Alva Ross—Dr to 9 cigars \$1.10; cash \$50;
to lost time 7 days \$8.15; to cash in Cheyenne

\$10; package envelopes 58c.

Luke Voorhees—Dr to pasture \$2.75; 1 span
horses hav \$2: 1 span horses grain \$1.50.

Dave Brice—Dr to cash \$20; postage stamps 25c.

Richard Frewen-Dr to 1 feed grain 50c.

Jas. Hayes—Dr to cash to Frenchy \$2; cash \$5.25.

Teschemacher & DeBillier per Trimble—Dr 2 meals & lodging \$1.75; 1 hay fork, nine cable ropes, pulley, etc.

Richard Trimble-Dr to cash \$1.

A. P. Arbuckle — Dr 1 sack oats, 6 sacks corn, 2 plow points. 181 lbs beef at 8c \$14.44; horse shoes & use of forage \$1.

"Mon, June 30 — Cheyenne. Letter from (Gen. J. L.) Kemper enclosing \$1,348. Commenced work on repairs of house."

The receipts of \$908.50 recorded by John Hunton in his diary during June, 1884, were \$8.50 from the county and \$900 from the Bordeaux Ditch Company.

His listed expenditures of \$895 included: Clarke & Hunton \$300; R.R. fare to Laramie \$3.65; acknowledging papers \$1; Boomerang (Bill Nye's famous paper in Laramie City) \$10; trip to Laramie \$2.25; drinks & cigars \$1.75; theatre \$2; lemons \$1; paper & stamps 75c; waiters \$1; telephone \$18; John (Francis) \$20; Burley (Austin) \$20; Wm. Ross \$65; Wild Est. to Post \$79.25; life insurance, Hunton & Co. \$330.70; Patsy \$12.50; lap robe & B strap \$6; Blanche \$20 and hat for Blanche \$20

## JULY, 1884

"Tues, July 1—Cheyenne. Repairing house and loafing.

"Wed, July 2—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Plasterers comcd on house."

# From Bordeaux Day Book

Geo. Boswell—Dr 10 lbs plug tobacco \$7.50; 1¼ lbs S. tobacco 75c; 32 cigars at 7c \$2.34; 5 packs envelopes 75c; 4995 lbs hay; one mare served to Ethan \$25: 125 lbs beef at 10c \$12.50.

Anglo American Cattle Co.—Dr 2 meals, 6 mules to hay \$4. Cr by cash \$86.

Burley Austin — Dr 8½ lbs sugar at 15c \$1.28; 4½ lbs rice at 10c 45c; 9½ lbs beans at 8c 76c; 50 lbs flour \$2; ½ doz cans peaches \$1.50; ½ doz cans tomatoes \$1.50; 1 lb baking powder 50c; 25 lbs potatoes 50c; cash \$20.

Expense Acct.—420 lbs wire, Dare & Co. \$29.40; Union M. Co.'s bills \$426.83; Dare & Collins bills \$73.50; freight bills \$75.99; 1 box soap \$4; telephone \$3.50.

"Thurs, July 3—Cheyenne. Carpenters finished roofing house. Plasterers at work ½ day.

"Fri, July 4—Cheyenne. Did not go out much during day. Witnessed fire works at night. Very windy & hot.

"Sat, July 5-Cheyenne. Hired three men for hay making to go out on coach.

"Sun, July 6-Cheyenne. Went to church twice.

"Mon, July 7 — Cheyenne. Worked on house, yard, etc. Went to theatre.

"Wed, July 9—Cheyenne. Comcd papering house."

From Bordeaux Day Book

"Dutch" John-Dr to one mare served by Ethan \$25.

Wm. Lewis-Dr to cash \$10.

In 1895 a man named William Lewis was one of the first victims of Tom Horn, the famous cattlemen's "detective", who had a number of range killings charged to him. Horn was finally hanged for the alleged murder of a boy, Willie Nickell, in 1901. His trial for this crime in 1903 was perhaps the most sensational and expensive in Wyoming history. Some place the amount spent in his defense at \$100,000—but all of that is a later story.

Commenced work—Fred Fagan, Wm. Hanum and James Miln.

For the next three days all Mr. Hunton did was "work about house and loafing" and he went to the theatre every night.

"Sun, July 13—Chugwater. Left Cheyenne this morning in team and buggy. Fred deBillier with me to go to Bordeaux. Roads muddy.

"Mon, July 14—Bordeaux. Arrived here at 6:30 this morning. Put up machines & stacker. Commenced making hay in main meadow on east side of Chug.

"Tues, July 15-Bordeaux. Work on machines, stacker etc. Turned bulls with cows." From Bordeaux Day Book Story (cook)-1 pair overalls \$1.50.

C. G. Sears—Dr to 1 man 1½ days \$3.25; 1 man 1 day's board \$1; cash \$20.

"Thurs, July 17 — Chugwater. Started to Cheyenne, worked Kate & Joe to buggy. Fred deBillier with me. Haying getting along well.

"Mon, July 21 — Cheyenne. Preparing to move in house. (Wilson) Woods loaded lumber for flume.

"Tues, July 22—Cheyenne. Everything all ready and moved in house and took our first meal which was supper."

From Bordeaux Day Book

Story & wife—Cr 29½ days work \$49.17. Dr cash for services \$34.67; stage fares \$13.

"Wed, July 23—Cheyenne. Puttering about house & yard.

"Thurs, Fri & Sat — Cheyenne. Same old thing.

"Sun. July 27—Chevenne. Church twice."

From Bordeaux Day Book

A. Heinzman — Dr to 1 set of Govt. harness \$5.60

"Wed, July 30—Cheyenne Club give big reception, everybody there.

"Thurs, July 31—Cheyenne. Mr. Guiterman (Geterman) started to Bell Fourche. George Drake come to town on coach badly hurt by fall from horse."

Mr. Hunton's move to Cheyenne, where he was obviously bored to death with "puttering" around

the house and yard, also seems to have precipitated and perhaps made necessary some drastic overhauling of his bookkeeping methods as subsequently indicated. There are no entries for July, 1884 in the "Cash Account" pages of his diary.

#### AUGUST, 1884

"Fri, Aug 1—Cheyenne. Doing nothing and feeling very badly about my head."

From Bordeaux Day Book

George M. Drake-Dr to cash \$70.

John London — 2 rock shafts to Eureka mower \$5.

Harry Oelrich-Cr by cash \$13.

"Sat, Aug 2—Cheyenne. Doing nothing but making some preparations to go to Ranche.

"Sun, Aug 3—Bard's Ranche. George Drake & I left town this morning in buggy. Kate got sick and we had to lay over here.

"Mon, Aug 4—Bordeaux. Left Bards early. Got here to take dinner. Left the Kate mare at Chug Water & borrowed horse of Duncan Grant to work home. Getting along finely hay making. Cattle & horses all doing well. Thayer the blacksmith here sheeing horses.

"Wed, Aug 6—Bordeaux. Went to Cross T Ranche, put up hay stacker. Measured Laramie river for bridge, sounded depth, etc. Prairie fire on Antelope creek. Commenced hauling hay to Chug Springs."

For many years the Cross T on the North Lar-

amie near Uva counted its range cattle by the thousands. It was owned by T. A. Kent until purchased in 1883 by the Duck Bar, Teschemacher & deBillier, who put Tom Shaw in charge of the outfit.

From Bordeaux Day Book

A. P. Arbuckle — Dr 72 lbs beef at 10c \$7.20; 43 lbs sugar; 23 lbs dried apples; 5 lbs yeast powders; 1 plow clevis.

W. C. Bradbury & Co.—Cr by 12,047 ft lumber at \$25, \$301.07.

George Mitchell-Cr by cash \$54.90.

"Fri, Aug 8—Bordeaux. In house all day trying to work on books but feeling too badly to do much. Wilson Woods arrived with lumber. Rained nearly all day.

"Sat, Aug 9—Working about shop nearly all day on headgate irons. All horses shod. Give all hands general instructions about work.

"Sun, Aug 10—Cheyenne. Left Ranche this morning in buggy. Nooned at Bards. Got here 5:30 P. M. Blanche and all well. Roads muddy. Heavy rain here Fryday & Saturday.

"Mon, Aug 11—Cheyenne. Loafed about all day. Attended card party at Mr. A. H. Swans.

"Tues, Aug 12—Cheyenne. Done but little. Paid some bills. Attended card party at J. C. Bards. Will Jeffrey commenced work straightening up my books."

From Bordeaux Day Book

John Francis-Dr cash \$10.

Fred Fagan—Dr to cash for tobacco \$1; cash \$20.50.

Wilson Woods-Dr to 71/2 lbs bacon.

"Wed, Aug 13—Cheyenne. Doing nothing all day. Had talk with Swan & Dwyer tonight about bridge over the Laramie river at Gordons. Worked some on books."

For the next three days it was exclusively "work on books" except for "driving out" and going to church Sunday night.

From Bordeaux Day Book

Al Ross-Dr to cash \$50.

C. G. Sears—Dr cash \$150; horse shoes 50c; man 3½ days at \$2.25, \$7.87.

List of articles loaned Arbuckle—one R.R. plow, one Oliver plow, 1 pick, 1 crow bar, 1 grub hoe, 1 shovel.

Geo. Boswell—Dr horse shoes & use of shop \$1.25.

Dave Brice-Dr cash \$5.

James Houser — Dr second hand overcoat \$7.50.

Hands and their monthly wages—Geo. M. Drake, Jas. Houser, A. B. (Burley) Austin \$30, David Brice \$35, Alva (or Al) Ross \$35, Jas. M. Hays \$35, Fred Bloomstrom \$30, Haywood Fry \$35, Fred Fagan \$25, Wm. Hanum \$35, James Miln \$35, Thomas Dawson \$35.

And that is the last entry in John Hunton's Bordeaux "Day Book' for 1883."84. It is also the end of his store keeping days—for a while. Having moved to Cheyenne he is entering a rather highlying period. As indicated by previous and subsequent entries it keeps him busy commuting by

buggy and stage between Cheyenne and Bordeaux, trying to keep up with Blanche in Cheyenne society and at the same time look after his mushrooming ranching and business interests. And the pace will continue to quicken, while little clouds of pending financial disaster start gathering slowly but surely on the distant horizon.

"Mon, Aug 18—Cheyenne. Worked some on books. (They must have been in bad shape). Borrowed 1,000 from (T. A.) Kent. Tom & Geo. Drake come to town. Outfit started to Platte Meadow.

"Tues, Aug 19—Cheyenne. Wrote out the papers for Tom Hunton to prove up on his desert claim. Geo. Drake and A. P. Arbuckle his witnesses. Heavy rain 4 A.M.

"Wed, Aug 20—Cheyenne. Trying to raise money to pay on Bar F. C. cattle. Straightening up books and accounts. Money hard to get.

"Thurs, Aug 21—Cheyenne. Worked some on books. M. (Malcolm) Campbell in town.

"Fri, Aug 22—Cheyenne. Worked on books.
Tom Hunton started to Va. Sent Lucy with him.

"Sat, Aug 23—Cheyenne. Borrowed \$10,000 from Richard Trimble & took up one of Whitcomb-Hunton notes of \$20,000 to Farleigh & Knight."

Richard Trimble it will be recalled was an associate of Teschemacher & deBillier and became secretary of the United States Steel Corporation. The Whitcomb-Hunton note of \$20,000 was given in connection with the purchase of Joe Knight's Bar FS

cattle herd for \$120,000—see August 18 to 23, 1883 entries.

"Mon, Aug 25 — Cheyenne. Done nothing today but fix up the Bordeaux Ditch Company's books.

"Tues, Aug 26—Cheyenne. Bordeaux Ditch Company borrowed \$1,000 from R. Trimble. Preparing to go to Bordeaux. Whitcomb returned from Belle Fourche and reports favorable on everything except beef steers which are scarce.

"Wed, Aug 27—Bordeaux. Left Cheyenne this morning in buggy with Hi Kelly, nooned at Bards. George Drake met ma at Chug with team and I got here 8 P. M. Suffered severely all day with hay "cold". Wrote to Blanche.

"Thurs, Aug 28—Bordeaux. Rode along the ditch and inspected everything. Engaged Jim Houser & Dave Brice to work a year. Measured hay stacks. B & M railroad surveyors here surveying. Wrote to Blanche.

"Fri, Aug 29—Platte Meadow. Left Bordeaux this morning in buggy. George Drake with me. Nooned near Fort Laramie and got here at sun set. Men getting along very well with hay and all satisfied. Spent bad night and quite sick today.

"Sat, Aug 30—Fort Laramie. Left the hay camp on the Platte at 10 A. M. today. Nooned at Rock Ranch & got here at 6 P. M. Give Burley (Austin) all necessary advice about hay cutting. Quite sick about eyes & head.

"Sun, Aug 31-Bordeaux. Come by the Bul-

lock place. Bettelyoun commenced but not finished cutting hay. Everything seemingly all right at ranch. Two notes from Blanche. Mr. Crafts the surveyor here."

The cash account page in Mr. Hunton's diary for August, 1884, is again blank.

#### SEPTEMBER, 1884

"Mon, Sept 1 — Bordeaux. Surveyed the desert claim on the big bottom of lower Chug in the McGregor enclosure. (HI) Kelly & Arthur Teschemacher here to dinner. Suffering much with hav fever.

"Tues, Sept 2—Bordeaux. Went about some with the surveyor and give some general instructions what was to be done. George Drake went to Platte Meadow with provisions for men.

"Wed, Sept 3—Cheyenne. Come here today on coach. Traveled with old gentleman named Blakeman who is a hay fever sufferer. Letter from (A. B.) Clarke wanting me to engage cars.

"Thurs, Sept 4—Cheyenne. Done nothing today. Clarke telephoned he would be here to-morrow. Mr. and Mrs. Reel returned home. Notified that the Paddleford claim would be canceled.

"Fri, Sept 5—Cheyenne. Done nothing today to advance my financial interest. Clarke arrived but I have not seen him.

"Sun, Sept 7 — Cheyenne. Did not go to

head of cattle had gotten out of beef herd. Telephoned (George) Drake to go to Fort Laramie and let me know about cattle.

"Mon, Sept 8 — Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Told Whit (E. W. Whitcomb) I would have to sell interest In Bar FS herd. Made some desert entries of land.

"Tues, Sept 9 — Cheyenne. Heard beeves would be at Pine Bluffs on 10th. Bought gray stallion of Alter.

The Wyoming 1884 Brand Book lists: "I. R. Alter—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, Medicine Bow. Brand, an up-side down '2'."

"Thurs, Sept 11—Cheyenne. Clarke, Whitcomb & Guiterman went to Pine Bluff to load beeves.

"Sat, Sept 13 — Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Dave Brice come to town to take stud home. Went to theatre.

"Tues, Sept 16—Cheyenne. Bargained to sell the Platte place to Sturgess, 480 acres of land at \$10 pr acre, hay \$5 ton. \$1500 Oct 15, \$1250 May 1st '85 & bal 1 year from now. Got \$700 from Stock Growers bank."

The "Sturgess" with whom Mr. Hunton bargained to sell his place on the Platte river was presumably either Will or Tom Sturgis, prominent cattle men of the day. Tom Sturgis was one of the early secretaries of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and a member of the Territory's first official brand committee. Sturgis must have also been associated with the Union Cattle Company as Mr. Hun-

ton completed the above trade in the name of that company as shown by subsequent entries.

"Wed, Sept 17 — Bordeaux. Left town at 4 A. M. on coach. Mr. Converse got on at Bards (road ranch). Arrived here 3 P. M. Everything seems to be getting along all right. Suffering very much from hay fever. Men working on the Richard creek bridge."

Those two gentlemen who rode with John Hunton on the north bound stage that September morn of 1884 each left the imprint of his name on the new land. Manville is the name of a town in Niobrara county, Wyoming, but the writer is not familiar with details of his career. Adjoining Niobrara on the west is Converse county, named after A. R. Converse, Cheyenne banker, stock man and one time business associate of the late Senator Francis F. Warren.

"Thurs, Sept 18 — Bordeaux. Finished bridge. Digging potatoes etc. Discharged seven men tonight. Made root house. George Mitchell here noon.

"Sat, Sept 20—Bordeaux. Rounded up big pasture and counted cattle and horses. Duncan Grant here. Arranged with him to get deed for the Grant claim and give note payable Mayinst, 85.

"Sun, Sept 21—Bordeaux. In house writing all day. Men went to Sunday school. Telephoned for Dr. Hopkins, he is at Bards tonight."

The 1884 Brand Book lists: "B, S. Hopkins-

P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, heads of Crow, Pole, Horse and Chug Creeks, Wyoming foothills. Brand 'Lazy N' on both hips."

"Mon, Sept 22—Bordeaux. Fixing to start (Burley) Austin and (Haywood) Fry to Platte. (A.M.) Clarke & T. Matthews dined here. Dr. Hopkins come and operated on bull 'Lucian'.

"Tues, Scrt 23—Cheyenne. Left ranch with Dr. Hopkins in buggy and arrived here 5:30.

"Thurs, Sept 25—Cheyenne. Had talk with Teschemacher & Trimble about Stocking Bordeaux property.

"Fri, Sept 26—Cheyenne. Have concluded to Stock the Bordeaux property. Rirght (?) getting up the papers."

By "stocking" the Bordeaux property Mr. Hunton means reorganizing and incorporating his involved partnership arrangements and ditch building activities into a stock company according to the following newspaper story from the files of Colorado State Historian Agnes Wright Spring:

#### THE JOHN HUNTON COMPANY

# John Hunton, Richard Trimble, A M Teschemacher

"Democratic Leader, Sept. 30, 1884 - The certificate on incorporation of the John Hunton

Company was filed in the office of the Secretary of the Territory and with the County Clerk yesterday. The object of the company is to buy, sell, own and operate in real estate in the county, of Laramie, to construct, own, buy, sell and operate in irrigating ditches, and by means thereof to reclaim lands and thereby render them fit for agriculture and pastoral purposes and operate in meat cattle, horses and mules. The water for such irrigating purposes to be taken from the Chugwater about 500 feet north of the section line between Sec. 7 and 18, T. 22 N. R. 66 W., and such ditches shall run in a northwesterly direction, keeping as far away from said stream as the topographical formation of the country will permit.

"The number of trustees shall be three, and John Hunton, Richard Trimble and Herbert Teschemacher are appointed trustees for the first year, and the term of existence of the corporation shall be fifty years. The principal office of the company to be at Cheyenne, and the trustees shall have the power to make bylaws for the organization.

"The capital stock of the company shall be

\$275,000, and shall be divided into 275 shares of \$100 each.

"The incorporators are John Hunton, Richard Trimble and A. M. Teschemacher."

"Sat, Sept 27 — Cheyenne. Completed the transaction with Union Cattle Co. by selling my Platte Meadow to them, all the hay etc.

"Tues, Sept 30 — Cheyenne. Done nothing (for the past three days). Haywood Fry comcd building house on E½ of NW¼ SW¼ of NW¼ & NE¼ of SW¼ Sec 32 T 24 N R 60 W."

In September of 1884 Mr. Hunton went back to the business of keeping certain accounts in the back of his diary and listed the following receipts totaling \$6,025: Wyo. Del. (Development) Co. \$34; J. H. Ford \$20.55; Geo. Boswell \$11.20; Stage Co. \$185.12; 1st Natl. Bank \$817.50, \$142.50 and \$156; S. G. (Stock Growers) Bank \$700; Dave Brice \$430; W. & H. (Whitcomb & Hunton) \$1,300; Chas. Campbell \$612 and C. & H. (Clarke & Hunton) \$1,616.

His recorded expenditures of \$6,222 include: Wilson Woods \$20; blank book 75c; Bordeaux Ditch \$81.05; Desert Land \$817.50; C. McDougall \$35; J. Houser for F.P.B. (Browning) \$1.00; visiting cards \$2.25; barber 75c; theatre \$9; David Brice \$20; sliver for B. G. \$12.50; U. M. (Union Mercantile) bill house \$53.40; dinner & breakfast \$1; paid men \$709.39; Burley Austin \$70.50; M. E. P. (Post) & Co. \$612; Fairly & Knight interest \$1,616; Abney (livery) \$40; Mary (Strong) \$40; Dunk (Duncan) Grant \$35; recording papers \$6.50; Dr. Hopkins \$40; Cheyenne

Carriage Co. \$99.25; H. Haas \$200; Clarke \$64.15; house for milk \$7; expense of house \$16.10; drinks \$2.90; Blanche \$43.25; C. C. (Cheyenne Club) \$2.65; interest \$46 and 1st Natl. Bank \$1,428.33.

## OCTOBER, 1884

"Thurs, Oct 2—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Theatre, Carlton Opera Co. 'Merry War'.

"Fri, Oct 3 — Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Theatre. Carlton Opera Co. 'Fra Diavalo'.

"Mon, Oct 6 — Cheyenne. Done but little. Wrote to Jas. Hay enclosing papers in 'Hunton Horse' matter.

"Tues, Oct 7—Cheyenne. Done nothing. In house sick nearly all day. George Drake come to town on coach."

"Fri, Oct 10 — Cheyenne. Fixed up Geo. Drake's account.

"Sat, Oct 11—Cheyenne. Had C. Hunter appointed my proxy and made arrangements to go to Ranch by leaving note of \$1500 (given me by Union Cattle Co.) with S. G. (Stock Growers) Natl. Bank and getting \$500 on it which I paid Geo. Drake. Went to theatre.

"Sun, Oct 12 — Bordeaux. Come here on coach. Quite a crowd on coach.

"Mon, Oct 13—Bordeaux. Fixed up quarterly P.O. returns. Men working cattle. Rode around new pasture and found fence down.

"Tues, Oct 14 — Bordeaux. Rounded up cattle in new pasture and counted them. Found none missing.

"Fri, Oct 17—Bordeaux. Baling hay. Blacksmith come, shoeing horses etc. Rode some among the cattle. Packed furniture etc.

"Sat, Oct 18—Bordeaux. Men baling hay. Clarke and Armstrong come to ranch. Shot some ducks. Give Jim general instructions what to do.

"Sun, Oct 19—Cheyenne. Come to town on coach today. Chilly. At P.M. comcd to rain.

"Mon, Oct 20—Cheyenne. Loafing most of day. Arranged with Teschemacher about paying ditch accounts.

"Tues, Oct 21—Cheyenne. Paid T. A. Kent 1000 and Arbuckle \$1424. W. & H. (Whitcomb & Hunton) bargained with Col. (J. S.) Taylor to sell them what Bar FS steers there are in pasture at Ranche for \$50 each."

The 1884 Brand Book lists: "Taylor, Coffey & Gill—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, North Platte River, Big and Little Box Elder, Albany County, Wyo. Brand 'SO' on any part of the animal. Horses same brand on left shoulder. All horses sold vented 'SO LD'."

It is interesting to recall that both 'SO' and 'LD' were John Hunton's brands during the '70s, when he used the 'SO' on his beef herd and the 'LD' on his many work cattle. It was also his practice for a time to vent beef cattle sold by adding LD to the SO, making the vented brand read "SOLD". (See Page 145, Vol. 2 and other entries).

"Wed, Oct 22-Cheyenne. Occupied most

of the day on the witness stand in the Bettel-

"Sun, Oct 26—Cheyenne. Wrote some letters. Steers that W. & H. sold to J. S. Taylor & Co. arrived and turned over to buyers at slaughter house. Light snow during afternoon.

"Mon, Oct 27—Cheyenne. Not doing much. Paid some bills. (E. W.) Whitcomb returned from his ranch. Started Jim Hays to Ranch. (A. B.) Clarke went to Pine Bluff and loaded cattle for Chicago market.

"Wed, Oct 29—Cheyenne. Loafing. Letter from Austin enclosing account of hay measured on Platte Meadow. Bet John Chase \$50 Cleveland would get the electoral vote of New York. Same on Indiana. Same on general result and silk hat on same result in Conn. \$30 suit of clothes on same result in N. J. Went to Catholic fair.

"Thurs, Oct 30—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Peterson putting up fence in front of house.

"Fri, Oct 31—Cheyenne. Renewed notes to Nagle and Stock Growers Bank. Decided to go to Chug Sunday. Union Cattle Co. settled for hay on Platte by note."

Mr. Hunton is handling, and spending, a sizable amount of money these days. He records the following receipts totaling \$7,115, for October, 1884: Clarke & Hunton \$180; Union Cattle Co. \$1500; Teschemacher \$4,801.67 and \$505; George Boswell \$50; M. E. P. (Post) \$50 and John Hunton Co. \$28.80.

His listed expenditures of \$7,225 include: re-

pairing boots \$2.25; Kelly \$50; electric light \$7.35; D. Miller \$5; 1st National Bank \$62; Drake \$50; Ruggles \$59.34; lawn tennis \$10; telephone \$36; ice for house \$4.50; Stock Growers Bank \$702 and interest \$82; Bordeaux ditch \$2.577.50; Arbuckle (who is building the ditch) \$1,424.17; (T. A.) Kent \$100.050; Jim Hays \$20; Tom Dawson \$2.75; taxes \$37.45; Hays & Armstrong \$25; land office \$10; A. M. Crafts \$300; I. Bettelyoun \$100; Mary (Strong) \$30; Stock Journal \$5; Wm. Reed \$15; John Hunton Co. \$20; cup & saucer \$2.50; J. C. Abney (livery) \$40; drinks & cigars \$16; house expense \$13.20 and Blanche \$25.

The "Wm. Reed" to whom Mr. Hunton paid \$15, (see October expenditures), may have been one Bill Reed who participated in a rather wild night at Hartville, Wyoming, while working for the 4J outfit in 1883. Virginia Col-2 Trenholm in her "Footprints on the Frontier" records the story of that evening as told by Ed Covington, Hartville saloon keeper. It goes something like this:

Charles Taylor, a new hand with the XH ranch, was known as a bad actor on the frontier and nick-named "Cannon". He had recently quarreled with three men at Fort Laramie and figured they were out gunning for him. So for a week he had remained sober—tense, watchful, his revolver always within reach. Early on this particular evening he had come to Covington's saloon where Mr. Covington, Harry O'Hare another Hartville saloon keeper and George Amos, foreman of the 4J, were playing poker for a woman's side-saddle—the lady who owned it having departed from Hartville for reasons unstated.

Everything was peaceful enough until about midnight when Covington won the saddle and the boys drifted over to O'Hare's place where Taylor started drinking. Fretty soon Joe Rogers, Pat Woods and Bill Reed, all of the 4J, came in and bellied up to the bar after parking their guns in a corner. That's when the trouble started. Taylor, beginning to feel his liquor, got tough with the unarmed cowboys, ordered them to stay away from their guns and said he was going to shoot his XH foreman, Enig West, and maybe a few others.

During the commotion which followed several men, including Reed, managed to quietly leave the saloon, borrowed some guns and decided the thing to do was get Taylor before he got some of them. One was delegated to take a shot at him through the saloon window and, in case of a miss, Reed was to pot him as he came out the door. The shot through the window hit the beserk Taylor and killed him. Whereupon O'Hare made a dash for the door and when he came out Bill Reed, thinking it was Taylor making his getaway, opened fire. But by this time Mr. O'Hare was really in high gear and reached the shelter of a third Hartville saloon, run by Charles Nieland, with only his dignity wounded and a bullet hole in his coat tail.

So they laid the defunct bad man out on the floor of O'Hare's saloon and thoughtfully covered him with blankets. During the night some weary cowboy retired on the floor beside the corpse and pulled the blanket over himself. Mr. Taylor probably didn't mind. Next morning, since none of the

boys seemed to know anything about the shooting, Hartville happily shrugged off the whole affair and continued its merry way. But that must have been quite a party while it lasted.

#### NOVEMBER, 1884

"Sat, Nov 1—Cheyenne. Not doing much. Borrowed \$500 from (M. E.) Post.

"Sun, Nov 2 — Chugwater. Left Cheyenne on coach and arrived here at 8 o'clock.

"Mon, Nov 3-Bordeaux. Got here 8 o'clock. Men baling hay. Killed beef.

"Tues, Nov 4—Bordeaux. Worked in shop half day. Election held here and passed off quietly. 53 votes cast. Small majority Democratic.

"Wed, Nov 5—Bards Ranch. Left Bordeaux at 10 o'clock. Nooned at Chug Water. Got here at dark. Cary (Carey) certainly elected. National election uncertain."

The above reference is to the election of Joseph M. Carey as Territorial Delegate to the United States Congress at the age of 39. He was a native of Delaware, graduated in law from the University of Pennsylvania in 1867 and was appointed U. S. Attorney for Wyoming Territory in 1869. President Grant made him associate justice of the Territorial Supreme Court in 1871. Shortly thereafter Judge Carey deserted the law for cattle, business and politics. His ventures in all three fields were large and for the most part successful. He served three times as mayor of Cheyenne before his election to Congress

in 1884, where he stayed until elected United States senator by the new State of Wyoming in 1890, thus becoming the first of that immortal trio of Wyoming senators—Carey, Warren and Kendrick.

He is twice listed in the Wyoming 1884 Brand Book, as "J. M. Carey & Co.—P.O. Address Cheyenne, Wyo. Range, North Platte River, Carbon and Albany counties, Wyo. Brands, 'CY' anywhere on neat cattle. Also own 'Tr' behind left shoulder on cattle. Horse brands 'CY' and 'TF' on left hip." Also as: "Carey Company—P.O. Address and Range same as above. Brand 'C Lazy Y' anywhere on neat cattle."

"Thurs, Nov 6—Cheyenne. Got here at 12 o'clock. Presidential election still uncertain. Excitement rather high."

And then Mr. Hunton airily drops the election outcome to concentrate on important pending business of his own. Grover Cleveland was of course elected and our diarist must have collected those election bets he made (October 29 entry) and also lost a couple—see November receipts and expenditures.

"Fri, Nov 7 — Cheyenne. Had some talk with (Hi) Kelly about selling him the FS herd.
Trying to get the papers perfected to Stock the Bordeaux property. Burly Austin come with team and unloaded piano etc.

"Sat, Nov 8—Cheyenne. Bargained with H. B. Kelly to sell him the Bar over FS herd of cattle & horses for \$82,500—nothing said about Ranch. Dined with the Clarkes, Mrs. Clarke's 21st birthday. Burly Austin loaded and ready to start home. George Drake's went to ranch with buggy.

"Mon, Nov 10—Cheyenne. Consumated the trade with Kelly for FS cattle, horses, wagons, harness, machinery, etc. Ranche not included. Got \$35,000 cash, notes for balance. Paid many debts."

Mr. Hunton made the following memorandum in the back of his diary concerning the above transaction:

"Bargained with H. B. Kelly to sell him my interest in the Bar over FS for \$82,500—payable \$35,000 cash; note for \$10,000 Feb. 23, '85 at 10 pr ct interest; \$10,000 Aug 23, '85 at 8 pr ct interest; \$7,500 Nov 10, '85 at 10 pr ct interest; \$20,000 Aug 23 '86 at 8 pr ct interest."

It will be recalled that Hunton and E. W. Whitcomb bought the Bar FS herd in partnership from Joe Knight and a man named Farly or Fairleigh for \$120,000 (August 18, 1883 and subsequent entries); that the Bar FS brand was registered in Johnson county and these cattle ranged in the Belle Fourche country (January 30 and April 13, 1884 entries). Since Mr. Hunton's half interest in this herd presumably cost him \$60,000 it looks like his sale to Hi Kelly made him a neat profit of more than \$20,000. Those were boom times in the cow business.

"Tues, Nov 11—Cheyenne. Paying debts.
"Wed, Nov 12 — Cheyenne. Still paying debts. Got the papers all fixed and signed transferring the property of John Hunton & Co. to John Hunton Company.

"Fri, Nov 14—Cheyenne. Ordered seal for John Hunton Company. Papers of Co. all executed and ready to issue bonds.

"Mon, Nov 17—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Apportioned the shares of 'John Hunton Company'. Workmen finished chicken house.

"Tues, Nov 18 — Cheyenne. H. E. Teschemacher went East. Authorized him to sell all or half of my interest in the 'John Hunton Company'.

"Wed, Nov 19—Cheyenne. Fixed desk and had some gas fixtures put in. Had two tons of hard coal put in.

"Thurs, Nov 20—Cheyenne. Went to Post Ranch with (M. E.) Post, (Francis E.) Warren, (Luke) Voorhees and Ashenfelter to view road between Pole (Lodge Pole) and Horse creeks. Got home about 6 o'clock.

"Fri, Nov 21—Cheyenne. Issued the stock of John Hunton Company and regulated the accounts of the men. I got \$115,000 of stock & other \$125,000 of stock.

"Mon, Nov 24—Cheyenne. Fixing accounts of J. H. & Co.

"Tues, Nov 25—Cheyenne. At work all day fixing up the accounts of Clark(e) & Hunton. Reel's house caught fire but no damage done.

"Wed, Nov 26 — Cheyenne. Negotiated to borrow money of 1st National Bank of Denver on H. B. Kelly's note for \$10,000. Gas out of order and men working on fixtures. "Thurs, Nov 27—Cheyenne. Loafed all day and got dinner at C. C. (Cheyenne Club).

"Fri, Nov 28—Cheyenne. Not out much today as I have a boil on back of my neck. Blanche got letter from Dr. Taylor (her father).

"Sat, Nov 29—Cheyenne. In house nearly all day. Went with Baxter, Whitcomb & Voorhees to view the Organ ditch where it runs through lands commencing about half mile west of the school house. Do not think any person will be materially damaged by the ditch and think all will be benefited to some extent. Boil on my neck still troublesome."

Mr. Hunton took in and paid out more money during November of 1884 than some people of that day handled in a lifetime.

Here are his recorded receipts of \$39,450: Geo. Boswell \$100; H. B. Kelly \$35,000; election bets \$186.70; T. & deB. (Teschemacher & deBillier) \$67.50 and M. E. P. (Post) & Co. \$4,100.

And after receiving that \$35,000 from Hi Kelly he was really busy paying bills for a while. His listed expenditures totaling \$39,245 include: H. Fry \$35; taxes on Omaha land \$7.50; Bettie Jones \$81.25; McCreary's estate \$9,610.64; taxes J. H. & Co. \$403.35; H. Altman Mercantile) for J. H. & Co. \$403.35; H. Altman \$83.25; C. P. Organ \$4,598.19; Hereford Association \$700; Swan Company \$123; Smith & Harrington \$499.49; Marks & Myers \$295.25; A. M. Crafts \$200; Bordeaux Ditch Co. \$197.70; J. L. Collins \$151.25; H. B. Kelly \$55.38; F. A. Meanea (harrness maker)

\$191.75; G. A. Draper \$85.15; H. Haas \$90; G. C. Charlton \$9.50; A. P. Arbuckle \$800; Ellick \$10; Bettelyoun \$304.60; Clarke & Hunton \$2,802.50; C. D. Kirkland (photographer) \$185; E. Nagle \$331.60; Z. Jackson & B. \$188; Keefe \$104; Petterson \$76.5; 2 hats lost on election \$10; theatre & 2 oyster stews \$6.35; books \$54.50; Hellman \$86.65; Holt \$176.70; Episcopal church \$25; Bard \$37.25; plaques for Blanche \$12.25; Kent interest \$60; Warren & Co. \$300; Will Jeffrey \$50; Van Tassell for coal \$30.55; chickens \$10.50; butcher bill \$10.90; chicken house etc. \$166; J. H. Co. \$6.50; Mary \$14.70; R. Trimble \$4,100; Blanche \$330.30; B. Austin \$35; stage \$7; George Drake \$50; M. E. Post \$4,750.86; house expense \$44; Chevenne Club \$4.15 and drinks \$1.

## DECEMBER, 1884

"Mon, Dec 1—Cheyenne. In house all day working on books. Sold water right to Blanche for desert claim.

"Wed, Dec 3—Cheyenne. Writing all day fixing books and land papers. Sent lot of Desert land papers to Tom Hunton to get signed. Attended party at Burt Richeyes.

"Thurs, Dec 4 — Cheyenne. Commenced making settlement of the Whitcomb & Hunton copartnership. Accounts badly confused.

"Fri, Dec 5—Cheyenne. Done some work on W. & H. (Whitcomb & Hunton) settlement but arrived at nothing definite. Give evidence or rather made state(ment) to the arbitrators in the Organ ditch case. (Burley) Austin, (George) Drake and Francis got to town. Dined with Mr. and Mrs. Marks,

"Sat, Dec 6 — Cheyenne. (Burley) Austin proved up on his Platte land and give me a deed to it. Made settlement with Austin. Loaned Clarke 150."

That settlement Mr. Hunton made with Burley Austin for his homestead or desert claim on the Platte was quite a substantial one—his expenditures for the month showing that on December 6 he made three payments to Austin of \$10, \$35 and \$50.0

"Sun, Dec 7—Bard's Ranch. Left Cheyenne this morning in buggy. George Mitchell with me. Drake, Austin & Francis coming home.

"Tues, Dec 9—Bordeaux. Mitchell & myself went to the 'Bullock place' to measure the hay. Come by the 'h' Ranche. Mitchell staid there."

Perhaps by the 'h' ranch Mr. Hunton meant the 'H', F. M. Phillips former outfit, also known as the Italic H, which had recontly been purchased by Whipple & Hay as previously recorded herein.

"Wed, Dec 10 — Bordeaux. Done little riding and little work. Mr. Fant come to Ranche. Clarke come on his way to Ranch.

"Fri, Dec 12—Bordeaux. Clarke started to Belle Fourche and Black Thunder. Let him have buggy and surveying instruments. C. & H. (Clarke & Hunton) bought Sears' horse and outfit.

"Sun, Dec 14-Chug Water. Left Ranche 2 P. M. on coach. Eight passengers on coach. "Mon, Dec 15—Cheyenne. Got here at 3 P. M. Very disagreeable trip. Cold and windy.

"Tues, Dec 16—Cheyenne. At home nearly all day. Done but little today. Loaned Bruner \$10. Loaned Maj. Sniffin's brother \$30. Clarke's family left for Ohio.

"Wed, Dec 17—Cheyenne. At home all day writing on books and straightening up papers. Loaned Guiterman \$450 for 5 days.

"Thurs, Dec 18 — Cheyenne. Done some writing. Filed 3 desert claims, J.H.C., Martin Sohn, D. M. Patty. Draper & Reed witnesses. Give Union Cattle Co. deed to the Austin homestead.

"Fri, Dec 19—Cheyenne. Done some writing. Paid insurance policy. Attended Episcopal Musicale at Voorhees. Snow all gone, nice warm day.

"Sat, Dec 20—Cheyenne. Loafing and not doing much. Summoned to appear as a witness in court in the Organ Ditch Case.

"Mon, Dec 22—Cheyenne. Attended court as a witness in Organ ditch case. Shipped some Xmas presents. Telephone says much snow on ground at Ranche and very cold.

"Wed, Dec 24—Cheyenne. Bought lot of presents for different parties. Sent some to Madison C. H. (Virginia).

"Thurs, Dec 25—Cheyenne. At home most of the day. Judge Bergman & wife dined with us. Mrs. Guertin returned from East.

"Fri, Dec 26 - Cheyenne. Done nothing.

Attended a masquerade party which was pronounced a decided success.

"Sat, Dec 27—Cheyenne. Loafed all day, theatre at night.

"Sun, Dec 28—Cheyenne. Went to church in forenoon and spent bal. day at home.

"Tues, Dec 30—Cheyenne. Doing nothing. Posy Wilson dined with me.

"Wed, Dec 31—Cheyenne. Not doing much. Helping Blanche get ready for New Year reception."

Mr. Hunton listed the following receipts totaling \$1,540 during December, 1884: Arbuckle \$82; Schwartz \$3.25; Kelly \$712.40; Bradbury \$75.69; J. H. & Co. (Boswell) \$100; J. H. & Co. \$77.90; Whitcomb & H. \$90 and Guiterman \$400.

His recorded expenditures of \$3,585 included: blacksmith \$11: Abney \$3: horse board \$40: gas fixtures \$98.05; gas \$2.96; painting chicken house \$15.60; Tom Hunton \$150; George Drake \$70; Francis \$90; U. M. for J. H. & Co. \$11.25; recording deed \$2.90: A. B. Clarke \$150: glass \$50: Bards \$3.75: J. H. Houser \$40: Haywood Fry \$25: coal \$60.50: Bruner \$10: Guiterman \$450: Ellick \$5: G. Shingle \$9.50; C. L. No. 1 \$5; C. Chapter No. 1 \$5; Commandery \$5: insurance \$330.70: Isaiah Hunton \$40: Cowhick & W. \$11.40: raffle \$1: "Daily Sun" \$4: Draper \$6.25; scissors & thimble \$1.50; present for J. H. Jr. (son of Tom & Mora Hunton) \$11.50; cap \$15; wine for house \$26: Mrs. Chaffin \$12: Jim Berry (loan) \$50; ovsters \$3.75; barber \$1.50; interest 1st Natl B. \$368: wood \$3: Charlton \$3: papers \$6.20; A. B. Austin \$10, \$30, \$500, \$50; land entries \$487.50; hands \$20; drinks etc \$11.25; Cheyenne Club \$3.20 and Blanche \$265.

During ten months of 1884 (the financial records for July and August are missing) John Hunton recorded receipts of \$74,700 and expenditures of more than \$79,000. And these figures undoubtedly fail to reflect substantial business transactions of the several partnerships and companies in which he was interested. For a period of some years Mr. Hunton's records indicate that he spent considerably more cash than he took in. But that was probably more than offset by book value increases in the worth of his cattle and other holdings. So all continued to go well until a combination of hard winters, depressed prices and tighter credit struck. Then he sank like a rock-but he had lots of company. Most of his contemporaries were in the same boat.

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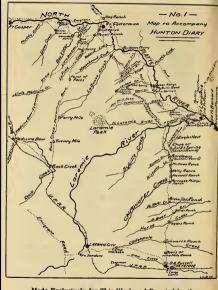
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